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### I AM AN X-PHILE

How I was converted to Scully and Mulder by Erica Wagner **PAGE 18** 



JOHN MAJOR and Kenneth

Clarke were struggling to

counter suggestions of a po-tentially fatal rift last night after the BBC reported that the

Chancellor was prepared to lead a mass walkout from the

Government if the Prime Min-

ister gave in to the Right over

Both were forced to deny that the Chancellor had threatened to resign if Mr

Major abandoned his "wait-

and-see" approach to a single currency — Mr Clarke in a surprise statement in mid-

afternoon and the Prime Min-

ister in the Commons 20

But their statements failed

to ease the air of crisis sur-

rounding the Government -

reinforced by an opinion poll

putting Labour 37 points

ahead — and the impression

that trust between the Prime

The BBC had reported at

hinchtime that Mr Clarke

believed "someone close to the

Prime Minister" was behind

an attempt to abandon the

agreed policy on a single currency — a move he was

said to have described as "a

boomerang laden with high

told Dr Mawhinney: Tell

your kids to get their scooters off of my lawn." Last night Mr Clarke issued a joint state-ment with Dr Mawhinney

But the BBC report was

given credence by the disclo-

sure that its author - the

political correspondent Jon

Sopel - had lunch with Mr

Clarke on Wednesday. A Lab-

our frontbencher, who had

been at the same London

restaurant with the BBC's political editor, gleefully let the

denying that story as well.

badly in the process".

minutes later.

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### **TOMORROW FOOD AND DRINK** 32 pages of festive

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# Labour MP witnessed briefing over lunch

Clarke: denied threat

### **Pensions** leak triggers dispute

By JILL SHERMAN MICHAEL EVANS AND DOMINIC KENNEDY

LEAKED proposals to save £100 million over three years by cutting benefits for war widows and disabled former servicemen provoked a furious row in the Commons had broken down: yesterday between Tony Blair and the Prime Minister.

The Labour leader accused the Government of doing something "shabby and mean-minded," but John Major claimed Mr Blair had "completely misunderstood" the issue, insisting no pensioners would lose out.

Labour is demanding a Commons vote and several Tory MPs have threatened to rebel unless the policy is reversed. Winston Churchill, Conservative MP for Davyhuime, has called for the resignation of William Waldegrave, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury. But the Government appeared to have won the support of leading war pensioner charities, which claimed they found nothing "overly confrontational".

Mr Blair urged the Prime Minister to apologise for his "deception". asking him to answer specific points "or stand condemned out of your mouth". The Prime Minister said no existing pensioners would lose out as he defended a decision to limit benefit payments made to those Continued on page 2, col 6

# Major moves to deny rift with Clarke

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

### How EU fines could add up

France and other countries joining the European single currency could end up paying more in fines to the European Commission than Germany paid in reparations after the First World War.

Anatole Kaletsky, page 29

cat out of the bag when he heard Mr Sopel's report on The World at One.

Westminster was soon ago with the news that Mr Sopel had been reporting directly the Chancellor's views, even though Mr Clarke made plain that he disagreed with the BBC's version of events. He said he had not threatened to resign and was not threaten-

ing to resign.

Downing Street also moved to play down talk of a split, saying: "Relations between the Prime Minister and the Chancellor are perfect. The Chancellor feels he has been misrepresented and has taken the opportunity to put the record straight."

explosives which has blown But Mr Major's discomfort grew last night when most of the Tory MPs who spoke in a up in the Prime Minister's face, damaging Mr Major private 1922 committee debate on the single currency called for the "wait-and-see" police to Mr Clarke was also said to have confronted the party chairman, Brian Mawhinney, be reversed - in spite of Mr Major's categorical statement because he believed that Central Office staff were suggeston Tuesday that it would not ing that the policy would be changed before the election. change. He is reported to have

The impromptu debate was started by the sceptic Edward Leigh who, without mention-ing Mr Clarke, was reported to have said that the democratic will of the party was being frustrated. And Sir Peter Tapsell was loudly cheered when he said that Winston Churchill had not triumphed in 1941 by arguing that Brit-ain's men should fight only to the best of their abilities, dependant on their resources, and settle for second best. Tony Marlow, the Euro-sceptic MP who also spoke at

the meeting, said afterwards: "The chancellor clearly has no confidence in the Prime Minister and the Party chairman. The Cabinet is divided. We cannot go into a General Election in this state. Kenneth Clarke has to go or he has to be fired."

But the pro-Europeans are in an equally determined mood. Several have warned Alastair Goodlad, the Chief Whip, that there would be a backlash if the position changed. Hugh Dykes, the Tory MP for Harrow East, said: "We have an agreed position. The Euro-sceptics should not be allowed to hijack it. The Cabiner position is firmly agreed."

The most damaging aspect of the disclosure of Mr Clarke's private thoughts was the clear impression it gave of a breakdown of trust between himself and the Prime

If the BBC's report was accurate, Mr Clarke clearly Major were behind the reports of an attempt to change the policy he agreed with the Prime Minister last April when he finally went along with the idea of a referendum.

The report also confirmed the Euro-sceptic suspicions that Mr Clarke has pinned Mr Major into a position where he cannot change their agree-ment. Mr Clarke was said by the BBC to be making clear that if the police did change, not only would he go, but a number of junior and middleranking ministers would go with him, and a handful of Tory MPs could cross the floor of the House.

☐ A Gallup survey in The Daily Telegraph puts Labour support at 59 per cent, up four points, and that for the Con-servatives at 22 per cent, down six points. Many of those questioned thought that they were worse off after the Budget and 60 per cent thought it was "not good for families".

Mayfair lunch, page 12 understood. It is defined as Leading article, page 21 severe disabling fatigue last-



The Duchess of Kent, who yesterday cancelled all of her official engagements

# **Duchess suffering ME**

By Alan Hamilton and Jeremy Laurance

THE DUCHESS OF KENT has chronic fatigue syndrome, the illness also known as myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME), and has cancelled all of her official engagements.

The news was released by her office yesterday, the day she was to have attended the annual awards ceremony of Childline, the children's charity organised by Esther Rantzen, the television pre-senter. Miss Rantzen, whose 18-year-old daughter is also a sufferer, recently engaged in an ill-tempered television debate with Dr Thomas Stuttaford of The Times over

whether ME was a clinical or an imagined condition. Chronic fatigue syndrome is a portmanteau term used by doctors to describe a condition the cause of which is not understood. It is defined as

ing at least six months that is made worse by physical or mental exertion and for which no adequate medical explanation can be found. Up to 2.5 per cent of the population is believed to be affected by it.

Theories about the condition have provoked bitter controversy. Patients' groups such as the ME Association claim that organic factors play an important role, but many doctors believe the causes to be primarily psychological.

ess, who is 63, said yesterday: "She made it known earlier this year, at the time of her visit to India, that she was suffering from a virus with symptoms similar to ME. She was later diagnosed with

The spokesman added that the illness had no link with the

depression, which began after she had a miscarriage 2! years ago as a result of contracting German measles. She lost another baby two years later when she was 44.

The Duchess is understood to be optimistic that she will soon recover and be able to resume public life. "It is Continued on page 2, col 1

### Superbug that eats antibiotics turns cure into killer

By JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

TWO patients at a London hospital have become the first in the world to be infected with a mutant "superbug" that evades detection by thriving on the antibiotics used to try to

Hospital Medical School, Tooting, describe the mutant bacterium as "the ultimate step" in the evolution of antibiotic resistance.

The patients, men aged 60 and 64, recovered after the antibiotic was withdrawn and the mutant bacterium died. But Dr Ian Eltringham and colleagues in the Public Health Laboratory at St George's say that because it was thriving on the treatment designed to kill it, the bacterium could be fatally over-

"Have we at last witnessed the emergence of a true superbug?" they write in the

Lancet. The bacterium, Enterococcus Faecium, is naturally present in the gut and is millions of years old. The two nationts, who were admitted a month apart and had both undergone major surgery, debacterium after being treated with the powerful antibiotic vancomycin.

Dr Eltringham said: "There is nothing unusual in that. We see a lot of resistant strains in hospital because a lot of antibiotics are used. What was unusual was that we found the organism had evolved into a vancomycin-dependent strain. That meant the antibiotic intended to kill it was making it grow. The cure had become the killer." The mutant is difficult to

detect because it cannot be grown in the laboratory. So the patient grows steadily sicker, but the cause of the illness cannot be found.

### Papal rebuke: over women

The Pope told the Archbishop of Canterbury in a blunt discussion on women priests that only he had authority "as the successor to St Peter" to lay down doctrine.

Dr George Carey replied at their Vatican meeting that the Church of England was entitled to make its own Pages 5. 21



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### **Amateurs** humiliate **England cricketers**

FROM SIMON WILDE IN HARARE

ENGLAND'S cricketers experienced one of the most humiliating defeats in their recent chequered history when they were beaten yesterday with a day to spare - by Mashonaland, a province in Zimbabwe, the weakest cricketing Test nation in the

England had expected some easy matches on their visit but have now lost two of their first three games, the other being spoiled by rain.

play the game all year round, were outclassed by a team of a few professionals and a handful of amateurs whose commitments as farmers prevent them from devoting much time to playing. Mashonaland were without three of their leading players because of work commitments and one of their top bowlers is injured. Some of the England players earn well over £150,000 a year from the game while the

Mashonaland players receive E9 per day. England scored only 197

and 180 in their two innings and bowled badly. Their top three batsmen, Mike Atherton, Nick Knight and Alec Stewart, scored only 19 runs between them.

Zimbabwe possess only 350 adult cricketers who play seriously and 30 clubs, most based in Harare and Bulawayo. Among these is Harare Sports Club, which staged The English cricketers, who yesterday's match and possesses some equipment only because English county clubs leave it behind when they visit. Tim Henman, Britain's top tennis player, doubled his 1996 prize money when he qualified for the semi-finals of the Compaq Grand Slam Cup in Munich. Henman, assured of £260,000, meets Boris Becker for a place in the final.

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### Traitor Vassall dies at 71

John Vassall, the traitor at the centre of a spy scandal in the 1960s, has died aged 71, it was disclosed yesterday. Vassall, a homosexual, was

jailed in 1962 at the end of a trial in which he was convicted of passing secrets to the KGB. He was released after 10 years. His funeral at the Brompton Oratory in Knightsbridge on Tuesday was attended by more than a

# US gets first woman **Secretary of State**

FROM BRONWEN MADDOK IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton yesterday chose Madeleine Albright, US Ambassador to the United Nations, to be America's first female Secretary of State.

Mr Clinton also ended a America next year. logiam of Cabinet appointments which threatened to blight the start of his second term when he named his new national security team.

Mr Clinton nominated William Cohen, 56, a Maine Senator, to be Defence Secretary and the first Republican in his Cabinet, fulfilling his promise to try to include Republicans in his Administration. Anthony Lake, 57, the National Security Adviser. was nominated to take over as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. His deputy, Sandy Berger, was named as the new National Security

Adviser. The President's long-delayed choice of the new team hundred people........ Page 23 | comes against a background of foreign policy challenges in every continent. The White House also announced yesterday that Mr Clinton would hold a summit with Russian President Boris Yeltsin in The nominations of Ms

Albright, 59, and Mr Cohen. which are subject to Senate confirmation, were heralded yesterday by Democrats as imaginative choices which repeated the trailblazing character of the first-term Cabinet. Mr Clinton has been under intense pressure to include women, minorities and at least one Republican in his Cabinet.

Ms Albright's nomination. which came after lobbying by women's groups, is also believed to reflect her vigorous performance at the UN, where she strongly criticised the organisation for inefficiency.

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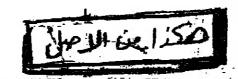
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# John shirks his homework and gets into a scrape, just like William

The sequel to Just William, by Richmal lished in 1922 and entitled More William. Chapter 8. The May King, opens with the following passage: "William was frankly bored. School always bored him. He dis-liked facts, and he disliked being tied down to detail, and he disliked answering questions. As a politician, a great future would have lain before

Yesterday afternoon, John was frankly bored. Prime his homework. What was Minister's Questions always uncharacteristic of the Prime

bored him. He disliked al-leged facts, and disliked being tied down to detail, and disliked answering Ques-tions. As a politician, a trou-

bled future lay before him.

This much we can say of almost any prime minister at any time. Faced with hostile questions, Mr Major has always given the impression of intense resentment, especially when the questions come from the Leader of the Opposition. But, unlike William, John is usually careful with

so ill-prepared.

Tony Blair's inquiry appeared to take him by surprise. This was the more surprising because the Liberal Democrats' Alan Beith (Berwick-upon-Tweed) had al-ready asked the question. What, Mr Beith asked Major. lay behind reports that the Government was to cut war

In startlingly emotional terms, the normally owlish Beith spoke of old soldiers hobbling, limping and wheel-



Remembrance Day. Had Mr Major "forgotten them already?" Major brushed Beith aside as having been misinformed.

Perhaps he did not expect Mr Blair to choose this subject. The betting had been that the Labour leader would quiz him on his Chancellor's alleged impertmence. Instead, Blair returned to war pen-

ployment chapter committing

On foreign policy the draft

proposes machinery for increasing Europe's internation-

al influence, much of it

acceptable to Britain, with the

appointment of a secretary-

general to take charge. It

retains the veto, but allows for majority voting in certain

conditions, provided all states

agreed to the principle of the

action in question. There is

also a proposal for "construc-

On defence, it recognises the absolute priority of national

sovereignty but proposes clos-

er relations with the Western

European Union, the Euro-

pean pillar of Nato. Britain

and other states are against

calls from France and other states to put the WEU under the orders of the EU.

On remodelling the institu-tions, the Irish noted that

states wanted to boost the

powers of the European Court

them. It proposed that there

be no more than 700 members

of the European Parliament. The draft trod carefully on the question of increasing the powers of the European Par-

liament, a demand of Germany and its federal-

minded allies. It said there

was a "general willingness" to

give parliament more control

of law-making, along with the

council of member states, and

it proposed giving the Stras-bourg assembly the right to elect the president of the

On extending majority voting in EU legislation, a pro-

posal to which Britain is

fiercely opposed, Ireland said

this could only be decided once

EU leaders fixed a "clear

Federal-minded officials

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have already criticised the

Commission.

political direction".

Irish draft as too timid.

tive abstention".

promote high employment.

sions. He had been scribbling as Beith spoke, redrafting his question in light of Major's reply. Blair's weakness is to rely too often on prefabricated phrasing, but yesterday he thought on his feet. He asked

Major the same question. The Prime Minister generally deals with such queries by throwing back a wealth of Tories looking glum. The technicalities which, if they do

in stumping us. Yesterday he tried to patronise Blair by suggesting he was too stupid

Blair came back with specific questions whose import was that the Government's plans for war pensions were callous and underhand. Major ignored these questions, lost his temper and called

leader. After quoting from an proposals "shabby and meanminded". He was greeted by a happy roar from his own side and another when after Questions he left the cham-

Minutes later, the Opposition made it a double when a Labour backbencher, Thomas McAvoy (Glasgow, Rutherglen) asked the question we had expected from Blair about Kenneth Clarke's alleged "boomerang" jibe. The Prime Minister referred to a

wanted to Chancellor, but the damage was done - Labour MPs jeering. It was one of Tony Blair's best PM's Questions. Fans of Richmal Crompton

may remember another of the author's characters, Violet Elizabeth Bott. In moments of frustration the little girl, who had a lisp, would simply threaten "to theream and theream until I'm thick". Leaving the chamber, the PM looked just as ready to lock himself in his office and theream and theream until be

# EU treaty plans to abolish internal frontier controls

CONTROLS on internal frontiers in the European Union would be abolished by the next century, under a draft post-Maastricht treaty, but the most explosive issues associated with further integration. including the national veto, are avoided.

As Ireland, which currently holds the EU presidency, ta-bled its draft, Jacques Santer, President of the European Commission, warned Britain that the "hour of truth" was approaching when the EU must decide whether it wants to pursue its goal of integration of turn itself into a "vast

The draft offered no text on extending majority voting, allowing certain states to pursue more rapid integration, or remodelling the Commission. Wide differences exist among all 15 member states on these issues. Noel Dorr, the Irish chairman of the IGC, said "it is widely recognised that these

the end. It will be a trade-off, one way or another." The new treaty is subject to unanimity; Britain could veto any of its provisions.

British officials said they were pleased that all Britain's wishes had been cited as options. There was, however, plenty to worry the Govern-ment in the draft, which reflects the desire of a majority of states to move, albeit cautiously, towards deeper political union. The most immediate problem is a draft revision of the Maastricht treaty to abolish internal frontier controls and apply a common policing of external frontiers, including immigration, visas and asylum within a year of the treaty's completion.

The union has been pledged to such action since the Treaty of Rome in 1957 but a core group of member states have only begun implementing it. outside the treaty.

by January 1, 2001. A section, which Ireland acknowledged as unacceptable to several states, calls for the EU to harmonise its justice systems to assist common policing and prevent conflicts of jurisdiction. In a suggestion unaccept-able to Britain, it also envisages a boost to the powers of Europol, the fledgling police agency and of the

European Court of Justice.

Britain, however, is content

with proposals for intensifying

direct co-operation between

the EU into an "area of

European police forces. On social affairs, Ireland noted that all 14 other states wanted an end to Britain's optout from the social chapter of the Maastricht treaty, but it said the issue should be dealt with later. This was a clear reference to the possibility of a Labour winning office and signing the social chapter.

The draft treaty also envis-



Sifiso Masango: his earlier flight was cancelled

### Zulu boy heads home after flight delay

By INIGO GILMORE AND JOANNA BALE

THE Zulu boy at the centre of and had wanted to adopt him, a custody dispute between his but who was forced by the parents and his white foster courts to return him to his mother was due to arrive back parents in South Africa. His in Britain last night after an father, Charles Mahlangu, ected delay.

Sifiso Masango, 10, flew from Johannesburg alone yesterday morning after spending the night at an airport hotel because of the cancella-tion of Wednesday's South African Airways flight to London. "I'm happy to be going," he said. Waiting for him in London

was Salome Stopford, the

ud his son had a return ticke for January 5, but would stay in London if Mrs Stopford agreed to sign legal docu-ments guaranteeing twice-

yearly visits to South Africa. He said he had managed to win over his wife, who had opposed Sifiso's return. "It is where he wanted to be. I can't tell him, 'I don't want you to go back.' [ love him and I want to do what is best for him."

### Howard unveils good citizenship awards

The first good citizenship awards in memory of Philip Lawrence, the headmaster murdered in London, will be given in 12 months, Michael Howard announces today. The Home Secretary says the formal launch of the Philip Lawrence Memorial Awards will be in March, when examples of good citizenship will be used to show how young people can qualify.

young people can qualify.

In an article in *The Times*, Mr Howard says the awards will complement various schemes already in existence. He appeals for voluntary and youth groups to help to develop his ideas. "I hope the scheme will play a part in helping to raise the next generation of good citizens." Awards, page 20

### Harassment curbs

Violent and noisy neighbours face up to five years in jail under a government Bill to curb harassment, published yesterday. Stalkers and people who practise racial abuse will also be curbed by the new measures. The Home Office said that once the Protection from Harassment Bill came into force it would lead to an additional 200 criminal cases a year

### Abbott article studied

Comments by Diane Abbott on "blonde, blue-eyed" Finnish nurses are being studied by Scotland Yard under laws designed to prevent racial hatred. The Labour MP's article criticising a hospital that recruited Scandinavian nurses has led to two official complaints to Hackney police. The complaints have been passed to the Metropolitan Police's community relations officers.

### Wheelchair lift accident

Susan Downs, 20, the pregnant fiancée of Richard Powell, the former British paralympics athlete, was in intensive care after being trapped against the ceiling by his wheelchair lift at their home in Rhymney, South Wales. She was trying to mend the lift, which had been installed by the local council.

### Computer licence fee

Owners of personal computers may have to pay for a BBC licence fee in the same way as a television, senior corporation executives suggested to MPs on the National e. . John Birt, the Director-General and Sir Christopher Bland, the Chairman, said technological changes would mean programmes being watched on PCs.

### Citizenship for Charlton

Jack Charlton, the former Republic of Ireland soccer manager, will be made an honorary Irish citizen tomorrow. becoming only the eighth foreigner to receive the accolade. Chariton, who took the Irish national team to the last eight of the 1994 World Cup, receives his citizenship for his "distinguished service to the nation".

# Germans shift panic on British food to salmon

By Roger Boyes in bonn and Michael Hornsby

THE German panic about British salmon farms were British food yesterday shifted briefly away from infected beef to Scottish salmon, which researchers said may have been poisoned by neurotoxins. n experts in Hambur said that Scottish salmon

breeders had been using the poison Ivermectin to kill sea lice, which settle on the scales of the fish. The chemical is widely used against cow, sheep and horse parasites but can damage fish and is indissoluble, according to a newsletter from the Federal German Fish Research Agency. The newsletter alleged that

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nothing too serious, she is just

rather tired in general terms,"

her spokesman said, adding:

"Rather than let people down

if she agreed to carry out an

engagement and was then

wiped out on the day in

question, she felt it better not

The Duchess has not been

seen in public since July, when

she made her annual appear-

ance at the Wimbledon tennis

championships and attended

the Royal Tournament at Earl's Court. Since the loss of

her babies the Duchess has

often appeared in frail health.

but has continued her charity

work, particularly for the Sa-

maritans, for whom she has

often manned a helpline

switchboard for the depressed

Two years ago, in a surprise move, the Duchess converted

to Roman Catholicism. Born

and the suicidal.

to accept in the first place."

getting around restrictions on marine use of the chemical by keeping small herds of sheep. The German press complained that farmers who used the chemical illegally were given only token punishment: one was fined £500. Die Zeit claimed that the 1974 Control of Pollution Act has been amended to allow release of Ivermectin into open waters.

Salmon farmers reacted angrily to the claims. William Crowe, chief executive of the Scottish Salmon Growers' Association, said: "The German reports are scurrilous and

change of religion was not

regarded as presenting a con-

stitutional issue since her

place in line of succession to

the Throne is remote.

**Duchess of Kent ill** 

false and we are taking legal advice." The farmers are allowed to use Ivermectin to control sea lice under strict conditions provided they get consent. Only four of the 343 izitins have such consent

found traces of Ivermectin in 10 per cent of salmon sampled in 1995, but Scottish farmers said that the tests did not distinguish between homereared and imported salmon, which accounts for a lifth of all salmon sold in Britain. Irish, Canadian and Norwegian salmon farmers have used

Ministry of Agriculture tests

# Patients can be helped by positive medical approach

By Dr Thomas Stuttaford

The Duke of Kent is eighteenth in line, and retains his THE Duchess of Kent's illness Anglican faith. The couple will excite the sympathy of everybody who admires her wonderful record of public service. Her illness has been have three children of whom the eldest, the Earl of St Andrews, married a Canadian Roman Catholic divorcée in diagnosed as chronic fatigue syndrome: the term ME, A report by three Royal which was already falling into disrepute in medical circles, was finally dispatched in Ocmedical colleges on chronic fatigue syndrome, commis-sioned by Sir Kenneth tober by the joint report of the Royal Colleges of Physicians, Psychiatrists and General

Calman, the Government's chief medical officer, and published in October, said it was a real condition but that it was tion between bodily and psychological illness. Treatment consists of graded exercise programmes in which patients are set gradually more Katharine Worsley, she mar-ried the Duke of Kent in York combined with therapy. difficult targets. These can be

Practitioners. Chronic fatigue syndrome, which is a very real illness devoid of any suggestion of malingering, is characterised by a variety of symptoms, many of them physical. The condition, which can be disabling, can be triggered by a wide variety of factors, both physical and mental. The re-port of the royal colleges described how in the overwhelming majority of cases independent doctors were able to show that the sufferers of chronic fatigue syndrome had the signs and symptoms of other psychiatric disease; not all of those psychiatric trou-bles could be described as disorders of mood, whether chronic depression or mania.

Many doctors are con-cerned lest a diagnosis of chronic fatigue syndrome hinders the necessary psychiatric treatment. There is also evidence, presented by the royal colleges, that a belief firmly held by the patient that chronic fatigue syndrome is a distinct disease hinders the patient's recovery. In many cases the patient's relatives

may encourage the patient in this destructive belief. Absolute rest, which in the past has been advocated for further weakness and it is not recommended that chronic fatigue syndrome should be treated in that way. Patients are helped by a doctor's posi-tive approach to their plight

and should endeavour to keep going by taking rather more exercise each passing day. If the Duchess of Kent does have any underlying psychiat-ric condition it would provide a good opportunity for a respected role model to give encouragement to the hundreds of thousands of psychi-atric patients whose problems at the moment are often misunderstood by their friends. work mates and even family.

# Pensions leak triggers row

Continued from page I whose hearing was damaged during military service. In future, based on independent medical advice, war pensioners will not be compensated for subsequent deterioration of hearing.
But organisations repre-

senting the deaf were astonished and gave a warning that it could stop people seeking compensation for deafness caused by other ways. The leaked proposals show

that Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, plans to save, over three years from next year, £15 million, £35 million, then £50 million. Part of the savings will come from simplifying the system in-cluding cuts in the war pension mobility supplement, and the widows rent allowance. The rest comes from the

restrictions on hearing benefits, expected to affect 10,000 people a year. A letter from Mr Lilley says both he and the rest of his ministerial team opposed that measure but had little choice: the Government was under a legal obligation to accept the medical advice.

The Royal British Legion, the Officers' Pensions Society and other ex-service organisations attended a meeting yesterday of the Central Advisory Committee on War Pen-sions, at which Lord Mackay of Ardbrecknish, Minister of State at the Department of Social Security, outlined the reforms.

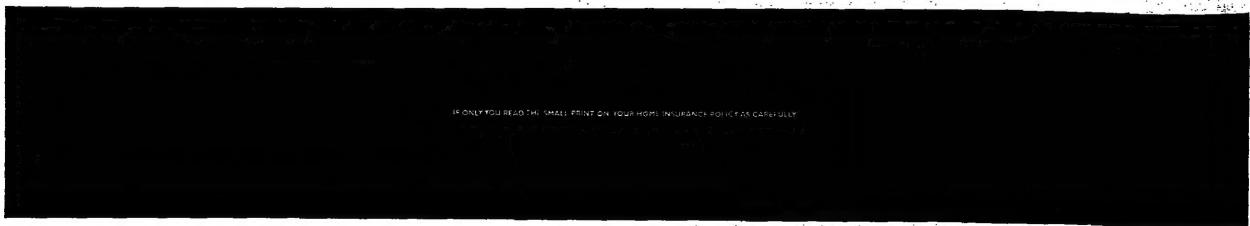
eforms. The Royal British Legion said: This is not an attempt by the Government to cut war pensions. They'll save some money just by not writing to war pensioners every four years reminding them of their entitlement to a new assessment ... That will save postage, but we keep in touch with these ex-servicemen

anyway."

sistant general secretary of the Officers' Pensions Society, said it viewed the proposed reforms positively, adding "We don't see any sinister plot to reduce the scope of war pensions. We have no objection to most of them?

Mr Mackay said the win-dows' rent allowant was largely obselete and while it would be abolished ensing claimants would not be affected.

He seeks to scrap rank distinction when assessing war disablement gratuities one-off tax-free lump sums given to veterans with less than 20 per cent disability. It will set at the rank of major.
The war pensions scheme
began in 1947. There are
265.275 pensioners worldwide,
and 57,497 war widows. A pensioner gets from £21 to almost £300 a week - but must prove



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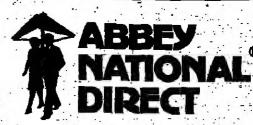
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By RICHARD DUCE

AN UNEMPLOYED welder attacked a nursery class with a machete as a way of "getting even" with society after children teased him, Stafford Crown

Court was told yesterday. Horrett Campbell, 33, told police he had become tired of being called a loser by children in Wolverhampton and planned his attack a month before injuring three children and four adults last July as they had a teddy bears' picnic.

After his arrest, Campbell was asked by detectives to explain his thoughts as he carried out the attack at St Luke's Infants school and told them that he felt the school had been partly responsible for recent troubles in his life.
"They haven't done anything personally but they've contributed to the pressures I've had by jeering at me. They tease me, the kids at school. They just say things like I'm a loser and a failure and that:"

Campbell, who lived in a flat overlooking the school, denies seven counts of attempted murder but has admitted

lesser wounding charges.
In his interviews with police
Campbell was said to have described leaving his flat with a machete concealed inside a bag. He told police he had also carried a kitchen knife, a washing-up liquid bottle full of petrol and two metal rods covered in foam, along with a lighter in his pocket. The petrol and rods were to be used as flamethrowers.

"I had the machete in my hand. I attacked some people

Asked why he kept photo-graphs of the Dunblane killer Thomas Hamilton and of Martin Bryant, who killed 35 people in Tasmania, Campbell said that he felt an affinity with both men. "I see myself having difficulties and being sort of victimised and pressurised. So I think of sort of sharing the pressure with other people and attacking some people like I did."

Earlier yesterday a parent. Philippa Parlor, described how she had hidden in a toy cupboard at the school with her children as Campbell went on the rampage. She said Campbell was slashing at children with his machete as if "cutting corn".

He came over the nursery fence to the children and started chasing the children around. It was like watching chickens running around in a pen because the children didn't have anywhere to go and didn't know what to do. They were just trying to run away and he was trying to hit

The trial continues.

# Children's MP's mother joins critics of plan to 'keep greys away'

A TORY MP who yesterday advocated a ban on pensioners retiring to the West Country to ease the rural housing crisis was immediately anacked by his own supporters, including his mother. David Nicholson himself

moved to Devon from London ten years ago. His 82-year-old mother, Lucy, who retired to a North Wales beauty spot 20 years ago, said she would hate to live in a town - most pensioners would".

Leading Tories in Mr Nicholson's Taunton constituency, the majority of whom collected their bus passes years ago, were dismayed by their MP's intervention. During a Commons debate, Mr Nicholson, 52, urged the authorities to keep away the "greys" who were moving in in increasing numbers, because the charms of the countryside were disappearing under concrete.

He said he was familiar with the problem of elderly folk choosing to spend their last years in remote beauty spots. His mother, Lucy, had retired to north Wales. "And very nice it is too," Mrs Nicholson said last night. "I



Nicholson: his mother thinks he's "a bit silly"

am sitting in my pensioner's bungalow, on a clifftop in Anglesey, looking at snow covered hills. It's beautiful."

She said she would object to any MP, even her own son. trying to stop her moving if she wanted to. "We should be allowed to go where we want. David is a good chap, but he is being a bit silly about this."

Jim Dunkley, 71, the Mayor of Taumon who moved to the area from Berkshire when he retired as a school headmaster eight years ago, agreed. "David Nicholson should pack his bags and go back to the London concrete jungle he came from. I moved here

### CONTROL TO MINOR STATEMENT OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY O

Migration from cities is accelerating and population growth is now greatest in rural areas at least 40 miles from a large town, a report published today says. London has seen the biggest decline since 1980, with the population falling by 628,000, close to the 648,000 total for the seven other main metropolitan areas. The 30-44 age group was especially keen to leave towns, seeking a better life for their children. Professor Tony Champion based his study on census figures and NHS records. He said: "People tend to move progressively from city records. He said: "People tend to move progressively from city centres to suborbs and then into the countryside. This is not so much a cascade from the cities as a downpour." The report was prepared for the Economic and Social Research Council.

suggestion that I have sat half asleep in a rocking chair and not made any valid contribu-

tion to local society."

Mr Nicholson, who lives at East Anstey, in his constituency, said: "I am trying to highlight a serious point. The grey wave moving into the South West may destroy the very facilities which attract retired people to the South West in the first place. I am not saying old people who live there should be moved out. I am merely suggesting that at some point in the future we may have to restrict their rights to move in."

Somerset County Council has earmarked land for 44,000 new homes by 2011. The number of pensioners in the county is estimated at 103,000 in a population of 470,000, which is 3.5 per cent above the national average. Thousands of the pensioners live in Mr Nicholson's marginal constituency. Major Gilbert Lamb, 72, the

president of Taunton Conser-vative Association, said: "Border controls for pensioners in Somerset is not a feasible or popular idea. The elderly are among our core voters. I don't think banning them from Somerset is the answer."

Estate agents, who are experiencing the first tentative signs of recovery in the housing market, were not im-pressed either. Robert Morton, spokesman for Stags. said that the majority of sales were to people moving into the area. "It's piffle. No one in their right mind, except some high principled idiot, is going to say that they are not going to sell someone their house



Gwen Randall, head of Framlingham College, was accused of inappropriate dress

## Pupil expelled as mother criticises head's clothing

A BOY has been expelled from a public school after his mother clashed with the head, who is the first woman to take charge of a Headmasters' Conference school.

Olivia Boland criticised clothing worn by the head. Gwen Randall, and questioned the sums spent by the school on renovating her home. Mrs Boland is considering seeking an injunction to force Framlingham College, Suffolk, to reinstate her son Richard, 16, so that he can complete his A levels.

The boy won a scholarship to the 700-pupil school, which charges £9,270 a year. He was

his mother declined to withdraw him after the head said that their relationship had irretrievably broken down.

Mrs Boland, 4i, of Stowmarket, Suffolk, blamed the dispute on a letter she sent to governors. She wrote that other parents had told her that Mrs Randall had been seen shopping in shorts and a top that might be considered revealing. She also questioned the money being spent on Mrs Randall's home. When asked to sign an undertaking not to make similar allegations, Mrs Boland

"I believe a head should command a certain respect

not happening with Mrs Ran-dall," she said. "I do not think it is right that the breakdown of a relationship between two adults should be used as a reason for expulsion.

Mrs Randall, who is married with a teenage daughter. became head of the college in 1993. This made her the first woman member of the Headmasters' Conference, which represents the heads of 230 public schools. John Clement, chairman of

the governors, said there was "no substance at all" in Mrs Boland's complaints. Bob Wright, the school's solicitor, said: "It is sad that the pupil is the one to suffer.

### £500,000 **Barings** bonus ruled out

By ROBERT MILLER

A FORMER Barings executive yesterday lost her case to be paid a £500,000 bonus that she claimed had been prom-ised the day before the mer-chant bank collapsed.

An industrial tribunal ruled

that Mary Walz's bonus was based on the assumption that the profits on which it was calculated were real. But the profits were bogus, generated by the fraudulent trading activities of Nick Leeson in the Far East money markets. The proposed bonus took no account of the enormous losses that brought down Britain's oldest merchant bank.

ING, the Dutch banking and insurance group that rescued Barings for a nominal £1 and cleared its £830 million debt, was under no legal or contractual obligation to pay the bonus, the tribunal at

Stratford, east London, said. Ms Walz, who was global head of equity products at Barings, had claimed that she should have been paid the bonus even after the bank collapsed. She faces possible disciplinary action by a City watchdog over her role in supervising Mr Leeson, who worked for Barings Derivative Trading in Singapore.

### Civil servant cleared of blinding JP

A CIVIL servant was cleared vesterday of seriously injuring a magistrate who was having an affair with his wife.

A jury at York Crown Court found Stephen Coles, a senior Benefits Agency official, not guilty of inflicting grievous bodily harm. Tim Burrell, 49, a senior Inland Revenue officer, lost the sight of his right eye from a single blow by Mr Coles, 48, who said he had acted in self-defence during a

Mrs Coles had left her husband, taking their two children to a house in Harroeate. North Yorkshire. Mr Coles toured the town looking for them and saw Mr Burrell's car outside the house. When he t<del>ried</del> to go in. Mr Burrell barred his way and gripped him by the throat.

Mr Coles said: "I brought my hands up to try to twist his hand off my neck. I was intending to hit him to get him off, but I didn't know where the blow would land."

Mr Burrell, of Knaresborough, had 46 stitches to his injured eye during a four-hour operation, but surgeons could not save it.

### Fake nanny vanished with baby she claimed was ill Nursery Nurse Education

BY JOANNA BALE

A WOMAN who posed as a qualified nanny but was described by her employers as "every parent's nightmare" was jailed yesterday. She had telephoned the couple to say that their baby son was seriously ill and then disappeared with him on a 120-mile trip in their car.

James and Annie McConnel called for a national register of qualified nannies and a system of police checks after Sarah Langford, 23, was jailed for six weeks for deception.

She had gained their confi-dence by offering a fake reference and boasting of false

Board qualifications. Mr McConnel, a composer of Billingford, Norfolk, employed Langford, from Norwich, after she appeared friendly and bubbly and well qualified to look after their 17-month-old son Freddie.

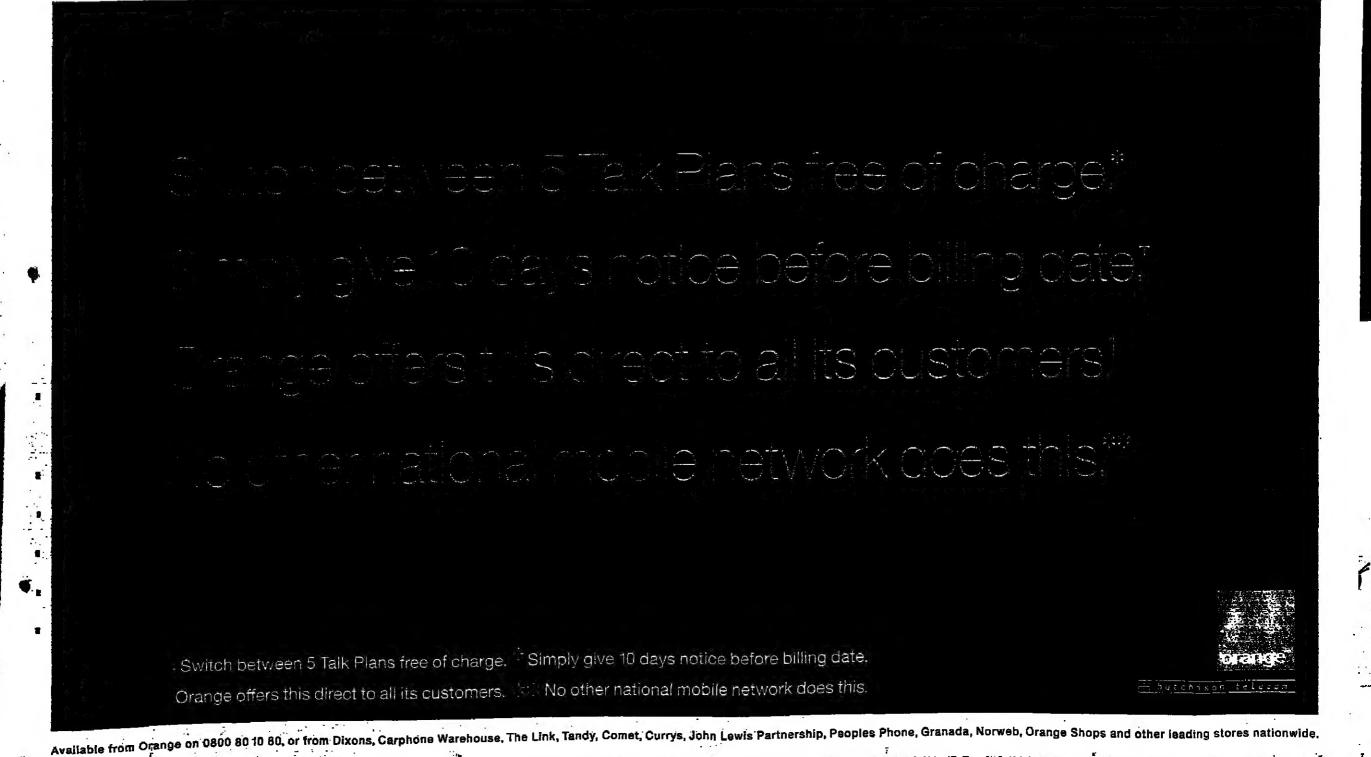
Mrs McConnel, a cartoonist for Country Life, said yesterday: Two weeks later she phoned to say he had been projectile-vomiting at his playgroup, so we rang the doctor straight away, telling him to expect her, but when we called the doctor again she

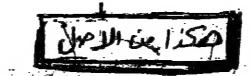
had not been. "She finally turned up at

7.30pm and swore she had been to the doctor, who had said the baby should be starved for 24 hours. She was so believable that we rang the surgery to tell them off."

Langford admitted deception and taking the car, and asked for 13 other offences of deception, involving lying to other employers and stealing a credit card from a friend, to be

Mr McConnel said: "I think the sentence is scandalous because she will be out of prison in a matter of weeks. She is seriously ill and needs help. When she is released there she could get another job with children again."





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### Residents say street name is too close for comfort

BY ROBIN YOUNG

ALL nine households in a suburban cul-de-sac are demanding that the name of their enclave be changed because they consider it too low-class, despite the fact that it was named after a former

Lord Mayor of London.
The aggrieved residents of
Skinner Close have signed a petition complaining that the downmarket. The Skinner part they consider ugly, while the term Close, they say, reminds them of Scottish tenement blocks. ment blocks.

Houses in the tree-lined turning are worth between E130,000 and £170,000. Their biggest problem may be not that they are in Skinner Close. but that Skinner Close is in Crawley, West Sussex, a location whose name seems specifically designed to make the

flesh creep. Valerie Hutton, whose husband, Peter, organised the petition, said: "I know it seems a little snobbish, but Skinner Close does not seem fitting for this type of property. There are nine properties and not one of

Person Ashibara

Mandy Fard, another unhappy resident, said: "It just seems ugly." Her neighbour, Helen Holt, added: "Skinner conjures up thoughts of skinning animals, and Scottish families on the road say a close was a tenement, which hardly seems appropriate." The fact that closes are, in England, more commonly associated with cathedrals appears to be lost on them.

Crawley council at first gave the residents a list of other mayors whose names they might prefer, but later decided not to entertain the idea of changing the name of Skinner Close, which has been known as such since September 1994. Councillor Chris Mullins said: "This is all about snobbery," while Councillor Jacqui Weller feared that, if Skinner Close won a name change, the town hall would be deluged

named Birchwood, combining the names of Lord Mayors

# Pope scolds Carey over ordination of women priests

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

THE Pope yesterday told the Archbishop of Canterbury in a blunt discussion on women priests that only he had authority "as the successor to St

Peter" to lay down doctrine.
Dr George Carey replied that the Church of England was entitled to make its own decisions, despite "obstacles seen by some as obtruding themselves into the path of swift progress toward full and visible unity". He said that Anglicans and Roman Catholies had to "affirm each other's integrity, knowing that deci-sions will sometimes be made which we ourselves find diffi-

The decision by the Church of England in 1992 to ordain women priests deeply angered the Vatican, which last year said that there was no scrip-tural authority for ordaining women since Christ had only male disciples. It decreed that the ban on women priests was "infallible and for all time". The two sides are also at odds over papal primacy, although last year the Pope offered to seek "an accommodation" in the interests of ecumenism.

Speaking in slow and heavi-ly accented English, the Pope agreed with Dr Carey that some of the fruits" of the Anglican-Catholic dialogue begun 30 years ago had started to emerge. A "real, though imperfect, communion" existed in a "new spirit of co-operation". But there

large on the way to the reconciliation the dialogue was intended to promote". He added emphatically:

"My particular responsibility as the successor to Peter for the faith and unity of the Church leads me to invite my brothers and sisters of the Anglican Communion to reflect on the motives and reasons for the positions I have expressed in the exercise of my teaching office." One Vatican official des-

cribed this as "a straight-fromthe shoulder rebuke". But Dr Carey said there was a 'remarkable degree of theologi-cal and ecclesiastical convergence" between Anglican and Catholics and that the ecumenical dialogue must contin-

The controversy struck a chilly note in an otherwise cordial visit. The Pope smiled and joked with Dr Carey and his wife Eileen, whose constant presence at the Archbishop's side has been criticised by the Italian press. La Repub-blica said that Mrs Carey's presence was a deliberate affront to the Varican, which is opposed to married male priests, except in a few exceptional circumstances such as married clergy converting

from other denominations. But the Pope thanked Mrs Carey "for being here". He later joined the archbishop for a colourful vespers service at the Church of San Gregorio al

Gregory I sent St Augustine to Britain 1,400 years ago. In an unusual symbolic gesture, the Pope invited Dr Carey to wear

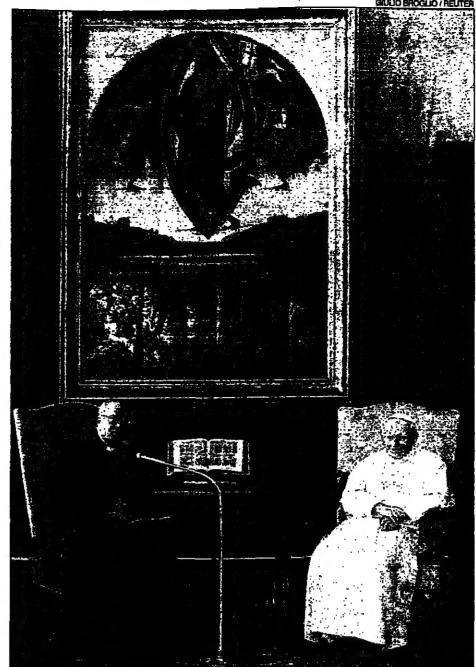
the full panoply of archbish-op's cope and mure. The two leaders, whose talks continued over an unscheduled lunch, issued a "common declaration" urging reconciliation for the year 2000 after a "second Christian millennium, now in its closing years, which has seen division and even open strife between

But it added: "The obstacle to reconciliation caused by the ordination of women as priests and bishops in some provinces of the Anglican communion has created a new situation". It "might be oppor-tune" to review the Anglican-Catholic dialogue and "to consult further about how our

relationship is to progress".

Anglican officials denied this meant the dialogue was stalled. Dr Carey said it was "a sign of how far we have come that difficulties can be debated without resorting to polemic". But both sides should acknowledge the "enormous strengths women bring to the Christian mis-sion. The decision to ordain women priests was not fully accepted in Anglicanism, he said, and could still be reversed. But this was unlikely, since it was "going from strength to strength".

Dr Carey said the "hurts Cello, which houses the mar-ble throne from which Pope and wounds" of the past 450 years could not be healed



The Archbishop and the Pope at the Vatican for private talks yesterday

overnight. But he asked Catholics to understand that for Anglicans and Lutherans, who had recently entered into

mation was "not so much a tragedy as a rediscovery of the Bible, of justification by faith,

making the first offical visit to

# Hume calls campaigners on moral questions to order



Hume obedience urged

BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

CARDINAL BASIL HUME, Archbishop of Westminster, yesterday issued a firm instruction to Roman Catholics campaigning for more liberal attitudes on issues such as priestly celibacy, women priests and birth control, to obey the authority of

said. "has clearly been ruled out by the Holy Father, and should therefore have no place in a Catholic docuChurch's teaching on priestly celibacy, birth control and other moral issues must also be obeyed. He also appealed for "docility to the mind of the Magisterium", the teaching authority of the Catholic Church.

Cardinal Hume issued his statement to the organisers of a conference of self-styled "reformers" called the Jubilee People, a coalition of Catholic oups. At the conference tomorrow, British Catholics on the Church's liberal wing will issue a declaration calling for changes in policy on women's ordination, celibacy and sexual morality, insisting that the conscience of the individual should become the prime arbiter of behaviour.

Cardinal Hume issued a four-page response to the conference organisers. who claim to have collected 2.3 million signatures from Catholics in Austria and Germany in support of their reforms. In his statement, reported in tomorrow's Tablet, Cardinal Hume says exploration and discussion are portant and necessary. But he teaching has been set out unambiguously, it must be followed.

While not seeking to exclude people

Catholics, like all people, must follow their consciences, he is adamant that a conscience is more than a matter of personal opinion or desire. "The teaching of the Church on moral questions must be known and accept-

ed," Cardinal Hume says. He queries demands that the Church must "affirm" all people, whatever sexual orientation and marital status and whether or not they have left the prieshave respect and concern for individuals . . . But to affirm a person must not include condoning actions contrary to the teaching of the Church."

### Studies say cormorant is not the enemy of anglers

BY NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

CORMORANTS are causing far less damage to fish stocks than many anglers believe, according to unpublished re-search by government-backed scientists.

It was disclosed on Wednesday that militant fishermen have been shooting and poisoning the protected species because they believe it is ruining their sport. But sev-eral rivers allegedly depleted by cormorants in fact have a healthy stock of fish for sport, according to preliminary re-sults of the studies.

Scientists from Liverpool John Moores University and the University of Hull said that the birds often fed on fry. rather than the large fish prized by anglers, and stickle-backs and other non-sport

species. A spokesman for the Environment Agency, which is supporting the research with the Department of the Envi-ronment and the Ministry of Agriculture, said yesterday that at some sites it appeared that "the birds are simply better at catching fish than the anglers". The birds can be shot under

licence from the Ministry of Agriculture if anglers prove that they are depleting fish stocks, but militant anglers have been shooting them illegally because they say that it is

gaily because they say that it is difficult to get a licence. The penalty is a fine of up to £1,000 for each bird killed.

Andrew Tyler, director of the animal rights group Animal Aid, condemned the shootings yesterday and said that angling was attracting increasing attention from increasing attention from campaigners. "To shoot birds just because they are trying to feed themselves on the fish that anglers want to take for pleasure is utterly perverse and unacceptable in a civilised culture." he said.

Several fishing organ-isations, including the Salmon and Trout Association, have ing razor blades and antiangling slogans recently.

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# British Museum urged to charge for admission

BY JON ASHWORTH

THE trustees of the British replace many of the warders. Museum are to meet this weekend to discuss the implications of a damning report on the museum's internal Swingeing job cuts and a £5 entrance fee are among op-

tions proposed in the report. which paints a picture of an archaic institution riddled with inefficiencies. Sir David Attenborough, the broadcaster and naturalist, is among 25 trustees due to gather on Saturday to discuss the future of the museum, which faces an increasing funding deficit. Government grants are being reduced and the museum is to lose its annual contribution from the British Library in

Faced with growing pressures, the museum commissioned a report from Andrew Edwards, a former deputy secretary in the Treasury. While not binding, his report makes damning reading. He portrays an institution in which decisions are avoided, jobs are protected and half the

employees are off sick. He recommends the introduction of a £5 or £6 admission fee, which would raise Es million a year, together with severe job cuts and the use of television cameras to

The museum employs nearly 1,200 warders, curators and administrative staff. About 20 per cent, or 240 jobs, could be under threat. The British Museum has an annual budget approaching E50 million, including funding grant, dona-tions and income from retail

Mr Edwards says in his report: "Many staff have remained in the same post for many years and redundancies have been virtually unknown." The museum, he says, will have to adopt a private-sector approach to staffing. He singles out the museum's "extremely generous" entitlement to sick pay and urges a more active management of sickness absence. There should also be "a greater willingness to terminate the employment of staff who cannot deliver what the

Finances are in disarray. The museum does not employ accountants, relying instead on former senior servants. Mr Edwards proposes the introduction of a finance director, supported by strict financial controls. He says: "A particular problem with the museum is that, with only limited

museum requires of them".

On decision-making, Mr Edwards says: "The avoid-ance of bad publicity is seen as the most important element in public relations. Decisionmaking tends to be inhibited by fears of bad publicity."

what individual programmes

really cost." He says depart-ment heads should be given

their own budgets.

Mr Edwards concludes that the museum faces large and increasing deficits if corrective action is not taken. He pre-dicts a shortfall of £25 million during the next three years and urges charging admission as soon as possible.

The trustees are under no

obligation to act on the recommendations but are likely to concede that financial management must be tightened. Staff costs account for more than 80 per cent of the annual total but includes pension contributions. As one source said: "Museum people tend to live a long time."

The museum said that this weekend's meeting was routine and would not necessarily result in radical action. A spokesman said: "The British Museum is proud of its tradition of free admission and would wish to preserve it."

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### Once more unto the breach, an Olivier

THE Globe Theatre is to open formally next summer with a nostalgic double act of Heory V and a young man called

The Shakespearean play that Laurence Olivier made into a classic wartime film is to be directed by his son Richard as part of the first season at the recreated Elizabethan theatre on the banks of the Thames at Southwark

running workshops on the play as part of the theatre's Richard, 35, the son of Sir Laurence, later Lord, Olivier and Joan Plowright, said it education programme and is planning to work with City business leaders to explore was inevitable that his father's figure would loom the play's theme of leadership. large over the production. What strikes me on a person-One of the last things he ever al note is that the play is about did was to record the prologue

Richard Olivier at the Globe, where he will direct Henry V. "king and chameleon - echoes of my father" to the play for Sam Wanamabut an actor. A man of many ker when he was trying to raise money to build the faces, like a chameleon. There are echoes of my father. But my father was almost too close to the character that he theatre. He was too ill to go out but he put all his energy into it and it was played couldn't see it. at a meeting." The prologue

features the famous descrip-

tion of the theatre as a

Richard Olivier has been

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"He loved the play. He loved doing it and he was full of stories of filming it in Ireland, falling off his horse and being shot in the legs by arrows. Henry V was the ideal king who pulled together diverse groups of people for a cause greater than any one individual, which is the per-fect metaphor for what has happened in building this

feature Mark Rylance, the theatre's artistic director, in the title role. The production. with Elizabethan costumes. will run in tandem with a modern dress version of The Winter's Tale, directed by David Freeman, which will officially open the theatre in June. Two plays by contempo-raries of Shakespeare, to be amounced, will join the rep-

ertory in August. will bring to fruition a project that Wanamaker first dream of in 1949. He established the Globe Playbouse Trust in 1970 but died in 1993 when construction work had barely

begun. Last summer the semicompleted theatre staged workshop productions.

The play's permanent stage is being constructed from oak in an aircraft hangar at Greenham Common air base, Berkshire, and will be completed with the "tiring house - dressing rooms - by the

spring.
☐ The Globe Theatre season will open with previews on May 27 and run until September 21. The box office will open on March 3. Tickets for standing in the yard, £5; gallery seats, £5-£20.

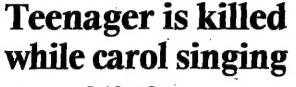
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He died in John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, about an hour later. The three men who were in the car that hit him were said to be very dis-

The boy's mother. Geraldine Crook, said: "He was carol-singing to raise some pocket money to buy Christmas presents for the family." Ms Crook, 33, had recently moved to a new home with Aaron and her daughter, Kel-

Fellow pupils at St Birinus School in Didcot were told of the accident yesterday at a special assembly. Chris Bryan, the head teacher, said: Aaron was a likeable boy who will be sadly missed."

A spokesman for Thames Valley Police said: "The boy was apparently dragged a short distance by the car. having accidentally stepped out in front of it." Police do not expect to charge anyone in connection with the accident.





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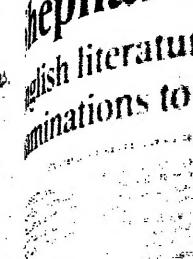
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By David Charter, education correspondent

GILLIAN SHEPHARD intervened yesterday to safeguard A-level standards after a re
Two of the eight topics to be report, which took 18 months to prepare, did not provide a clear answer to critics. But he port showed that the examination's depth and rigour were

The Education and Employ ment Secretary detailed a package of measures to refocus the examination and en-sure future generations are taught the classics of English literature and master basic arithmetic. Mrs Shephard described the steps to main-tain the rigour of public examinations as a matter of "national interest".

The move followed a warning from Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, that more pupils were staying in education longer but learn-

Government advisers promised there would also be a "cull" of examination boards and the proliferating courses that allowed schools to pick and choose easier papers.

Teachers' leaders said they feared the Government was rushing to turn back the clock. without clear evidence of a decline in standards:

Mrs Shephard ordered Alevel English to return its focus to the greats of literature, including a requirement that all students cover at least four pre-20th-century set texts.

4,80,000 NOSEL a \$P. 16.77 化基础基础 ing Shakespeare, after government dismay at the disappearance of Chaucer and Milton.

As disclosed in The Times yesterday, she announced a series of recommendations in response to the publication of the report by the School Cur-riculum and Assessment Authority and Ofsted, comparing standards in chemistry, Eng-lish and mathematics between 1975 and 1995. She conceded there was "no hard evidence that standards are falling". But nevertheless she said the report highlighted changes in course content the Govern-ment could not accept. There has been a change in the nature of examinations and given the importance we attach to them as a national

standards remain steady." Mrs Shephard commissioned the report after the thirteenth successive rise in Alevel pass rates in 1995 and the annual war of words between critics complaining examinations were getting easier and schools defending their pupils' efforts. More than 85 per cent of A-level candidates were successful last summer, compared with 69 per cent in 1975. Mr Woodhead admitted the

currency, it is vital to ensure

added: This report is saying to the Government that the danger is that more and more students are going to be educated for longer and longer at greater public expense to know less and less."

Mrs Shephard's measures

spelling, punctuation and grammar in A-level and GCSE English and a new GCSE in English language from September 1998.

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Sir Ron Dearing, chief executive of the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, reassured students that their efforts were being genuinely recognised despite the rising pass rates. The demand on students remained broadly the same. That means they have earned their rewards. But there is absolutely no doubt



Gillian Shephard: the Government could not accept changes in course content

response given the gaps in

evidence and inconclusiv

of the report on standards.

we need to seek a strengthening in certain of the key elements of English and mathematics," he said.

Mrs Shephard's attack on the exam boards was echoed by David Blunkett, Shadow Education Secretary. He said: We must ensure that the rigour of A levels is maintained ducing the number of examin-ation boards and cutting down Association, said: "It is quite clear from the report that exams today are different but the number of syllabuses." Teachers leaders said they not easier. failed to understand the "I don't want the clock to be strength of the Government's

turned back 20 years because the examination curriculum, quite\_rightly, has changed

John Dunford, past president of the Secondary Heads Education, page 35

# courses the main risk to standards

By Our Education Correspondent

THE main threat to A-level and GCSE standards identified by government experts is the wide variation in expectations between examination boards and in syllabuses for pupils studying the same subject.

Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, said she was "appalled" at the lack of records kept by the six boards and found the inconsistencies between their courses the most worrying feature.

The report, Standards in Public Examinations 1975 to 1995 found little evidence of declining standards but big changes in the contents of the three subjects analysed at A level and GCSE: chemistry, English and mathematics.

In A-level English, where the pass rate rose from 70.8 per cent to 89.7 per cent, the report found that candidates could choose papers to avoid major authors such as Chaucer. It added: "Most candidates are probably less familiar with the English literary tradition than their

In mathematics at A level, where the pass rate went from 65 per cent to 86 per cent, the report said: "Questions are now more structured, guiding candidates on the methods to be used." The level of demand on students was the same.

Chemistry A level, where pass rates increased from 70 per cent to 80 per cent, had reduced slightly in content since 1975, especially in inorganic and physical chem-

In English GCSE, no decision could be made on standards because there were no pre-1990 scripts. The report concluded: "The variation of standards in GCSE between boards may be more significant than any change from 1990 to 1995."

Mathematics GCSE had changed with the introduction of topics such as statistics and data handling, but there was less geometry. trigonometry and algebra. It added: "The increase in breadth meant a reduction in depth, so that there is less oportunity for more able candidates to show higherorder skills".

Chemistry GCSE was taken by far fewer candidates after the introduction of the double science GCSE. Candidates were expected to know fewer chemical reactions in detail but expected to do more practical experi-ments and show knowledge of chemistry in everyday



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A CRISIS in primary school discipline excluded pupils were boys.

This confirms the findings of a is masked by official figures, according to a survey showing a huge rise in the number of children suspended or

temporarily excluded. There was a threefold rise in the number of under-12s being banned from their schools between 1991 and 1993, but the true extent of disruntive behaviour is revealed by an eightfold increase in suspensions or temporary exclusions, which head teachers are not obliged to report.

Permanent expulsions at primary schools rose from 378 in 1991-92 to 1,215 in 1992-93, according to researchers at studied 265 children in three local just over half of all exclusions, tempocent for disobedience. Nine out of ten

survey of official figures by The Times in May, which showed that violence was the main factor in a fourfold rise in officially reported primary school ex-pulsions from the 378 in 1991-92 to 1,445

Eight out of ten of the pupils studied were on the casebooks of specialist agencies, mainly social services. A quarter had officially recognised educational difficulties and 16 per cent were undergoing assessment when they were expelled

38 excluded children showed that nine authorities. Aggression accounted for out of ten had parents who had either separated or divorced, and six out of that moved frequently. Nearly half had spent time in care.

The survey was part of a series of studies by the Economic and Social Research Council. Researchers believe that the rise in exclusions may be due to schools trying to hit performance targets despite limited funding for special educational needs.

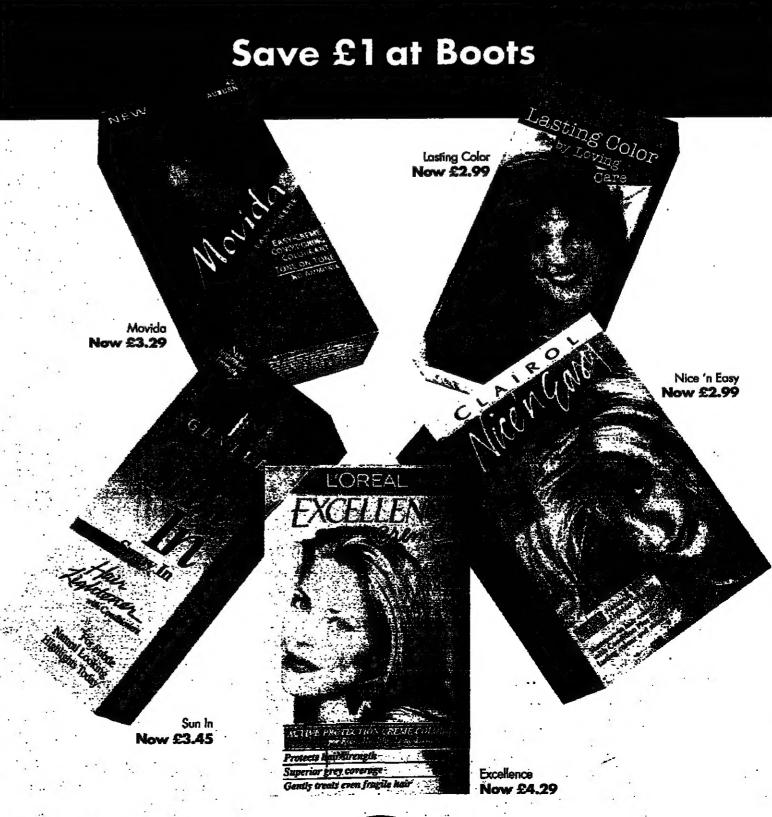
Dr Carol Haydon, the principal researcher, said: "Exclusion from primary school is usually an act of desperation on the part of a head teacher who knows that a child needs specialist help with their behaviour." She added: "But limited practical means that giving the right help is

She said that the 1988 Education Reform Act may have made the

problem worse, as parents took their children, and the funds that went with them, away from schools that had disruptive pupils. "Difficult children can also make it harder for others to learn, deterring more parents from sending their children to the school. The introduction of league tables for primary schools will exacerbate this

problem." A teacher who allowed a bullied boy to hit his five alleged tormentors with a ruler is facing further disciplinary action. Brenda Davies, 48, has been told to attend an informal meeting with the head teacher of Tennyson Road primary school in Luton on Monday to discuss two new claims against her.

Three weeks ago she was given a final written warning at a disciplinary hearing and told that she would lose her job if she was found guilty of any further breaches of school policy.





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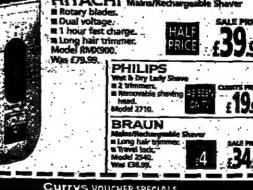
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CORRESPONDENT THE Government came under fire from its former

Chief Medical Officer yester-day for raising the safe limits on drinking alcohol. Sir Donald Acheson, President of the British Medical Association and of Alcohol Concern, also attacked the introduction of alcoholic lemonades, known as alcopops. He said that they could create habitual child drinkers.

Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, announced a year ago a relaxation of the Gov-ernment's advice on the maximum safe drinking levels, from 21 units a week for men and 14 units for women. New daily limits of four units for a man (equivalent to 28 a week) and three for a woman (2) a week) were set to emphasise the importance of avoiding weekend binge drinking. However, the guidance was immediately interpreted as a 33 per cent increase for men and 50 per cent for women. A unit is half a pint of ordinary bitter, a small glass of wine or

a single measure of spirits.
Sir Donald said at a conference hosted by Drinkline, the alcohol helpline: "This was a mistake because I don't think it's based on satisfactory scientific evidence. It will increase the average consumption, which will increase the number of problem drinkers."

He said the sale of alcopops should be banned if proved to be harmful. "It seems selfevident that alcopops appeal to those who are still drinking soft drinks. They might have a tendency to habituate people to aicohol in childhood."

It is estimated that 8.5 million Britons drink more than the recommended levels. ☐ The Drinkline helpline number is 0345 320202.

# New research transforms outlook for osteoporosis

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

A NEW drug treatment for 'ate, which is sold in Britain osteoporosis halves the risk of bone fractures, doctors an-nounced yesterday. British experts said the find-

ings, from an American shidy of 2,000 women, should transform the approach to the di-sease, and end the debate over whether women disabled by the condition were worth

Osteoporosis is a condition in which the bones weaken as they lose calcium. It affects one in four postmenopausal women — about three million in Britain - and leaves them vulnerable to bone fracture. Most are symptomless fractures of the spine, causing loss of height and a bowed back, but there are 45,000 hip frac-tures a year that require hospital treatment.

In the new study, the largest conducted into osteoporosis, half the women were given the drug alendronate and half a placebo. All the women had low bone density and had previously suffered at least one fracture.

After three years, the women who were given alendronate were half as likely. to have suffered further fractures of the hip, wrist or the spine, according to results published in The Lancet.

Dr Dennis Black, of the University of California, San Francisco, who led the study by the Fracture Intervention Trial Research Group, said that almost all women with hip fractures had to be admit-ted to hospital and one in five died within a year. Alendron-

A BOY of seven, who has had 22 operations in the past two years, launched an appeal for more blood donors yesterday. Lameth Banton-Miller was born with the rare inherited condition neurofibromytosis,

which caused a blockage in under the brand name Fosamax is a biphosphonate his main artery, cutting the blood to his kidneys. In the past eight months he has had repeated blood transfusions which prevents the break-down of bone. Other biphosphonates are available, and had a kidney transplant in May at Guy's Hospital. He and hormone replacement therapy has also been shown is now back at school. to slow or halt the loss of bone. Professor Ignac Fogelman, head of the osteoporosis clinic Yesterday he helped to launch the National Blood

Service's Christmas campaign at Guy's. The service is short of blood, with stocks at at Guy's Hospital, London. and scientific adviser to the National Osteoporosis Socitheir lowest recorded level. ety, said the findings should silence doubts about whether there was any effective treat-Supplies to hospitals have been cut.
Dr Mary Brennan, director ment for the condition. For a of donor services, said that 70-year-old woman with osteo-Lamach represented all the people who regularly needed blood and would serve as a porosis in whom other causes

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disease had been ruled out, the

practical choice was between HRT and a biphosphonate.

This study has been beautifully done and it shows a

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lihood of fractures. Even the

Professor Fogelman said that doctors had tended to regard elderly women with

fractures as hopeless cases

who were not worth treating.

Now that view is no longer correct. All patients should be

Fosamax costs £25.69 for

four weeks' supply or about E350 a year including dispens-

ing costs. Treatment may last

ten years. If all women at risk in Britain were prescribed the

drug, the cost would be more

than El billion at current

prices. However, there would be savings in hospital and

should be convinced."

sceptical clinicians

reminder of the importance of making donations.

When Lamech was four, doctors removed his left kidney. Eighteen months later, the right one failed and was

on dialysis. In March he was admitted to Guy's with high blood pressure and a raised temperature and lost a large amount of blood. He was put on a life-support machine and needed 30 units of blood and blood products to save his life. New donors can telephone 0181-672 2222 to carol.

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Lamech Banton-Miller, 7, yesterday. He has endured 22 operations in two years

### **Deadly** spider weaves a new spell

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THE venom of the black widow spider is being harthat should remove the need to

spray crops with chemicals that damage the environment. Scientists at Nottingham University have succeeded in isolating a toxin that kills only insects from the various poisons in the venom. They plan to insert the toxin into a virus that can be sprayed on crops. The poison would remain inert unless eaten by insects attacking the crops and would

not harm mammals.

David Bell, a toxicologist at the university, said: The spi-der produces the toxin in an inactive form and then activates it by chopping off the end of the protein when it is in the venom gland. We have been able to replicate this trick

in the test-tube."

Dr Bell and his colleagues have been awarded a grant of more than £270,000 by the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council to fund work on discovering exactly how the toxin mecha-nism operates, and an inter-national chemical company has expressed interest in conducting field trials.
Black widows are amon

the deadliest spiders. If humans are bitten they suffer severe pain, nausea and mild paralysis of the diaphragm. In rare cases the effects can be

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gers might detect that the tubes are thickened, tender or have a localised swelling within them but it requires considerable experience and ability to make sound conclusions from these findings.

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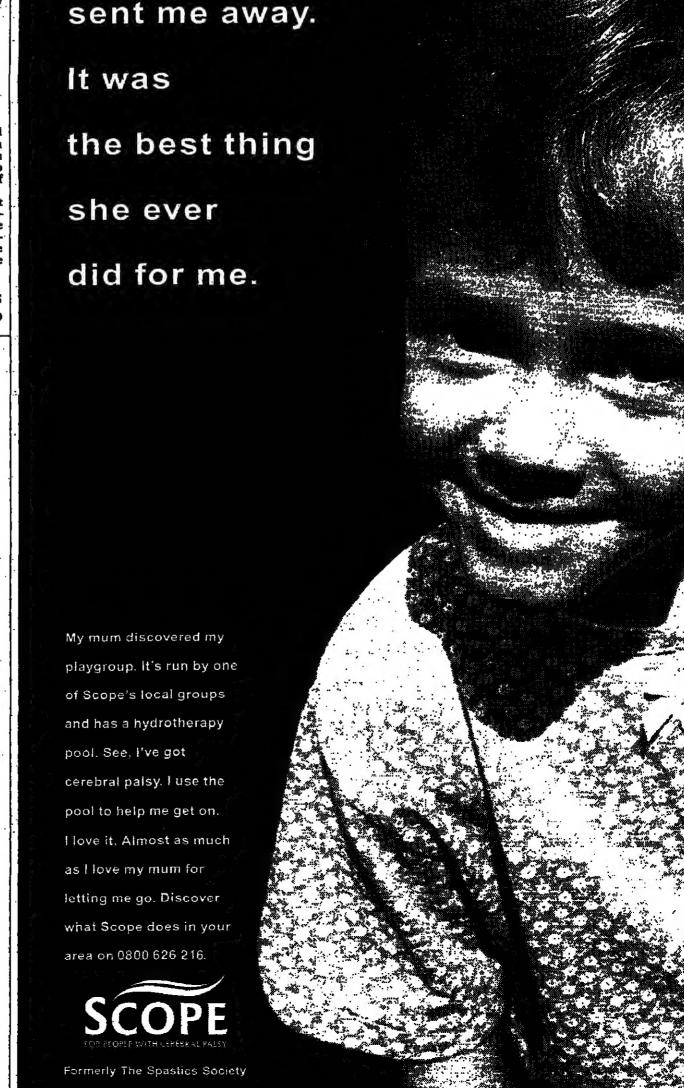
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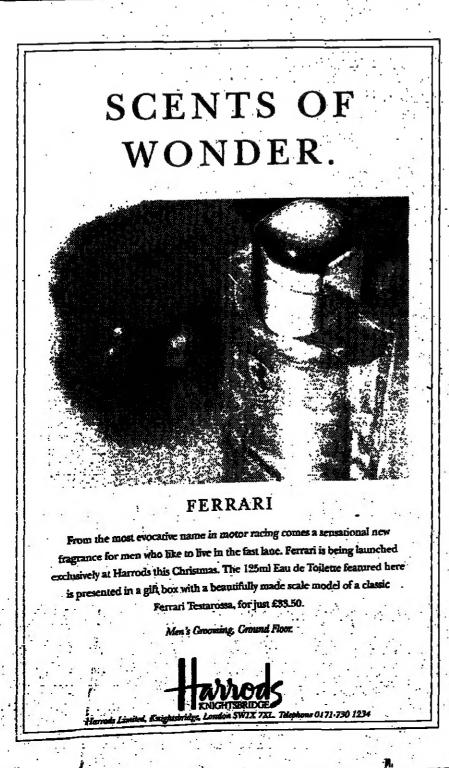
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the side effects of radiation. Dr Henry Irvine, president of the British Medical Ultrasound Society, says that the use of HyCoSy with ultrasound will entirely replace existing procedures in the estigation of such cases.

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# Soaring vandalism 'threatens mass murder' on railway

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

RAILWAY vandalism is soaring and could lead to "mass murder" if steps are not taken urgently to tackle it, the Chief Inspecting Officer of Railways said yesterday.

The number of train accidents and fires caused by 'malicious action" rose by 41 per cent to 321 in the year to April I, according to the annual report on rail safety compiled by the Health and Safety Executive. Nearly a third of nearly half of the 256 fires during the 12 months were caused deliberately. The number of malicious fires was the

The figures marred an otherwise good improvement in rail safety, with only one passenger killed in a train incident during the year. The Health and Safety Executive has called a conference of safety officials, police, magistrates and probation officers in March to consider ideas for combating rail vandalism.

Stanley Robertson, the Chief Inspecting Officer, gave warning of the potential for "mass murder" if a busy train was derailed by an obstruction on the line. In some inner-city areas train drivers had to run

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ren, he said. On one line, safety fences were regularly pulled down within days of being erected because local people used the railway as a short-cut even though there was a footbridge 50 yards

away. The most serious vandalism incident happened when wooden sleepers were placed across the track at Draycott. Derbyshire, in August last year. A three-carriage train with 60 people on board hit the obstruction at 75mph, making the locomotive leap into the air. But the wheels landed back on the rails and there were no serious injuries. Mr Robertson said that there was no simple explana-

tion for the growth in rail vandalism, but one factor could be high soccer ticket prices in areas such as Liverpool and Manchester, where youngsters had traditionally vented their frustrations by following their local team but could no longer afford to.

Overall, the report said, the safety record on the railways followed an encouraging trend, with deaths at unprecedentedly low levels and signifi-cant train accidents down by 30 per cent. Passenger train collisions were down from 18 to four and derailments from

28 to 23. The only passenger death was in a fire on an InterCity train at Maidenhead, Berkshire, in September

Mr Robertson said, how ever, that he was not yet satisfied with the safety systems of the new privatised rail operators, and that there were still areas giving cause for concern, such as Railtrack's use of contractors.

He was concerned that older rolling stock might continue in service longer than was expected. Action needs to be taken by the industry to re-spond positively to safety concerns about the safety of this older stock."

The report criticised Eurotunnel for failing to stop trains running through the Channel Tunnel when the service tunnel, which is used for evacuation, filled with exhaust smoke in September last year.

The report said: "While the smoke was not toxic, all trains should have been suspended because of the loss of the safe haven. Since Eurotunnel's rules did not cover this eventuality, it continued to operate a normal night service." The report added that Eurotunnel had since carried out a review and had amended its emer-



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The car in which Sharon Dunn, right, was travelling

### Pregnant women shocked as cars are hit by blocks

pregnant, was recovering yesterday after being showered with glass when lumps of breeze-block were dropped on to her houfriend's care as also boyfriend's car as she sat in the

and sunroof shattered as the couple were driving under a bridge on the A41 in Birkenhead, Merseyside, on Wednesday night. Miss Dunn, 24. was temporarily blinded as her eyes filled with fragments of glass, while her three-year-old son Dale screamed in the back.

About an hour later, a second car had its windscreen smashed and its roof da-

maged by rubble dropped from the same bridge. The driver, a six months' pregnant woman from Chester, suffered shock. In both incidents, another car was also damaged.

Speaking at home in Birkenhead vesterday, after doctors said that her haby was unharmed, Miss Dunn said: "I am just really glad it got me, and not my boyfriend who was driving — because if he had been hit and got glass in his eyes we would all have been killed.

"I got hit full-force on the left-hand side, but I'm not sure if I was hit by the object or the glass. We hadn't seen anyone on the bridge. We were just

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listening to the radio and the next minute, bang." Miss Dum's boyfriend had stopped the car immediately and run back to look for those responsible. while she tried to flag down cars for help. A lorry driver telephoned for the police and an ambulance.

Detective Sergeant Mike Evens said there had been recent reports of youths throwing things from the bridge. "We are so very fortunate that Miss Dunn has not received more serious injuries. Cars are travelling at high speeds, which compounds the danger. The missile will hit at an even greater force and even a small object will cause severe damage."

### Man dies changing tyre for teenagers

A CAR worker has been killed by a suspected drink-driver while helping three teenage women to change a flat tyre.

Alan Wynne, 62, went to the women's aid after hearing a bang outside his home in Hawkesley, Birmingham. The women's Mini had hit the kerb and damaged a tyre. He knelt in the road to change it as two of the women watched

and another stayed in the car. He was killed when a blue Rover Metro skidded and ploughed into the back of the Mini. Amanda Browning, 17, who was in the Mini, suffered a sprained back from the impact, but the two other women were unhurt.

Nurses from a nearby house joined neighbours and police officers in trying to pull Mr Wynne, an upholsterer at the Rover plant in Longbridge, from beneath the wreckage. Firefighters used hydraulic equipment to free him, but he died before medical crews arrived.

His wife, Freda, 62, said: "He died doing his usual good turn. He was always helping people and would always go out and belp a driver if they were in trouble."

A 39-year-old man from King's Norton, Birmingham, was arrested on suspicion of drink-driving and of causing death by dangerous driving. He was being questioned by

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SUPERMARKET chains will be extending their opening hours in the run-up to Christmas. Several, including Tesco and Asda, will stay open for 36 hours, from 6sm on Monday. December 23, until midnight on Christmas Eve.

Advertised best buys: Asda: fresh turkey crown £4.38 per kg, beef trying steak £4.60 per kg, frozen prawns £4.75 per 800g, courgenes 390 a lb, carrots 32p per kg, red dessert apples 38p a lb. Budgens: fresh Lincolnshire

Dork sausages 454g for 99p, oak ham on the bone.

minced pies 12. pack for £1.09, Abacus mixed nuts (in shell) 550g for £2.49, Brussels sprouts 500g for 39p. Co-op (CWS): red salmon 99p for 213g, assorted crisps 99p for 213g, assorted crisps 99p for 14 packs, frozen garden peas 79p for 907g, fresh cream trifles £1.19 for 397g.

Harrods: duck foie gras #10.80 for 75g, duck foie gras with truffles £16.20 for 75g, whole York ham £12.99 per kg

whole York ham £12.99 per kg. boudin blanc El.29 for 100g. Iceland: whole leg of lamb E3.94 per kg. diced steak £1.59 for 454g, salmon fish cakes 99p for eight, button sprouts

99p for 907g, chocolate cheese-cake £1.49 for 400g. Marks & Spencer: salmon fillets 680g for £8.99, chicken

breast four portions for £3.29, extra large bag of elementines £1.99, profiteroles 12 for £1.69. Morrisons: turkey steak £1.99 a lb, super roaster chicken £4.49 each, whole trout £1.29 a Ib, frozen cooked and peeled prawns 400g for £2.29. Plumrose party sausages 411g

Safeway: smoked British half gammon on the bone £2.84 per kg rump steak

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prawns 800g for £4.99, fresh beef strioin steak £9.19 per kg. luxury mincemest 4lig for Somerfield: pre-sliced Scot-

tish smoked salmon 400g for £4.99, frozen medium prawns 400g for £2.49, fresh pigs liver 68p a lb. Waitrose boneless chicken breasts six for £6.49, cranber-

ry sauce 310g for 79p, dairy vanilla ice-cream 2 litres for £1.99, cherries £2.99 a lb.

### Cigars sold for record £108 each

BY JOHN SHAW

THE 6th Duke of Buccleuch's cigars, rediscovered in perfect condition after 140 years, were sold for £17,600 at Christie's in London yesterday.
The 163 cigars worked out at

£108 each, a record, and were bought by Peter de Savary for Skibo Castle, his luxury hotel in Scotland. They were discovered in a

cabinet in a storeroom at Bowhill, one of the Buccleuch family homes in Selkirk. The upper tray was empty and it is believed that as a result the lower tray was overlooked. When it was eventually opened, a treasure trove of Victorian cigars was discovered: 108 Vequeros from 1858, 28 Regalia 1856, 20 Murray 1857, and seven Colerados 1858. The humidity and cold had kept them in prime condition. They were sold by the present Duke with the oak cabinet in which they were A cigar expert who smoked

one of the Vegueros before the sale pronounced: "Smokes perfectly, beautiful draw with fine white ash. Rich oily flavours, an aromatic, per-furned but full-bodied smoke." A 205-year-old bottle of Château-Lafite fetched £20,900 at a Christie's sale yesterday. The exceptionally rare bottle emerged on to the auction market from a European aristocrats cellars, where it had been for well over a century. The 1791 vintage predates the oldest vintage in the private cellar at Lafite by

### Poor crops raise price of nuts

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A SHORTAGE of almonds. pistachios and hazelnuts has pushed up prices ahead of the peak Christmas season. Crop shortages in California and bad weather in Iran have increased almond and pistachio prices by up to 20 per

The cost of hazelnuts has risen by 35 per cent because of the Turkish Government's decision to create an artificial shortage by withholding stocks. In California, two years of cold and windy weather have hit the quality of the almond harvest.

Jorn Dahlgard, a nut im-porter, said: There has been a shortage of crops from different countries and we, the importers, have been hit with major price rises this year. These rises are not necessarily passed on in full to the consumer, though some retailers, particularly greengrocers and markets, may find it hard not to,"

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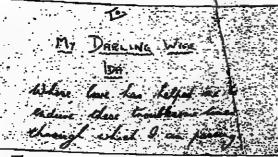
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# Daughter wins fight for soldier's diary of Burma ordeal



The secret journal's inscription to Mrs Smith

By ALAN HAMILTON

THE daughter of a prisoner of war who died on the notorious Burma Railway has won a two-year campaign to buy her father's secret diary of his ordeal.

Lance Corporal Bill Smith died from beriberi and mberculosis on December 17, 1943, at the age of 28, when his daughter was aged four. His diary, which would have brought instant execution if found by his Japanese guards, was rescued by another prisoner.

Begun while Lance Corporal Smith was in Changi jail after the fall of Singapore in 1942, the diary's handwriting Increasingly faltered as his health deteriorated. The last entry is dated December 8.

1943: "At the present time having a had spell with malaria." Nine days later be was dead.

ter, Carol Cooper of Gorleston, Norfolk, read in her local newspaper that a prisoner's diary had been bought at auction in Hull for £248 and lent by the buyer—another old soldier—to the museum of the Royal Norfolks, her father's old regiment, in Norwich. She was astonished to discover that it had been written by her father.

father.

Mrs Cooper offered to buy it from the owner, Peter Staff, 59, a furniture salesman and former corporal in the Royal Norfolks who collects war memorabilia. He decimed to sell, saying the diary's proper.



Bill Smith with his wife Ida and their daughters Olive and baby Carol, who is pictured yesterday with her father's diary. "I cried my eyes out when I first saw it"

home was in the museum.
Mrs Cooper approached the
museum, which said that she
could could inspect the diary
by appointment and have a
photocopy but could not take
it home.

Angry at what she regarded as a lack of compassion, she contacted solicitors and war veterans' associations but was told that Mr Staff was the rightful owner. Only when BBC Television in Nor-

wich began to make a documentary about the diary did Mr Staff have a change of heart. He sold it to Mrs Cooper on condition that it will eventually return to the museum, and he donated his \$300 asking price to a Romanian orphans' charity.

Mrs Cooper. a hospital administrative officer with three children, said yesterday: "I cried my eyes out when I saw the diary for the

first time. When I heard about it I just wanted it returned to my family so that we could remember my father. I am sure that is what he would have wanted; he said in the diary that he was keeping it as a record for my mother."

Mrs Cooper said she wanted to show the diary to other members of her family but might eventually bequeath it to the museum. Mr Staff said

pesterday he still felt that, as a piece of history, the diary's news is of from proper place was in the regimental museum. "But eventually I was persuaded that Mrs Cooper had a moral deep writing in news is of from June rained every of that Mrs Cooper had a moral deep writing in news is of from June rained every of that Mrs Cooper had a moral deep writing in news is of from June rained every of that Mrs Cooper had a moral deep writing in news is of from June rained every of that Mrs Cooper had a moral deep writing in news is of from June rained every of the diary's news is of from June rained every of the diary's news is of from June rained every of the diary's news is of from June rained every of the diary's news is of from June rained every of the diary's news is of from June rained every of the diary's news is of from June rained every of the diary's news is of from June rained every of the diary's news is of from June rained every of the diary's news is of from June rained every of the diary's news is of from June rained every of the diary is news in the regimental museum.

right to it as she was his only surviving daughter. I just hope she keeps her word and gives it to the museum later." Early entries, written neatly in ink, tell of swimming, concerts and high spirits. dery writing in pencil and the news is of forced marches, slave labour and disease. From June 1943: "It has rained every day since I have been here. It's hellish, mud everywhere. Food shortages.

rained every day since I have been here. It's hellish, mud everywhere, Food shortages, Two meals of half a mug of gravy and half a mug of rice." Two weeks later: "There have been 167 deaths this month so far and the record was 28 in one night. It is simply a case of murder, The poor chaps

are simply stripped and dumped eight to a grave."

Bound in a piece of blue hessian from a kitbag, the 104-page account is inscribed: "To my darling wife Ida, whose love has helped me to endure these troublesome times through which I am passing." Mr Smith's widow, who died four years ago aged 78, did not learn of his death and burial in Burma until after the war.

# Author's letters reveal a scoundrel

By JOHN VINCENT AND ROBIN YOUNG

H.G. WELLS was a "self-centred scoundrel", according to the woman who is offering for sale letters written by Dame Rebecca West, one of his many mistresses and mother of his socia, herself a writer, save high meanthony.

mother of his son Anthony.

Dame Rebecca, herself a writer, gave birth to Anthony in 1914 when she was 20, at the start of a turbulent relationship with the novelist and popular historian. Her letters, to be sold at Sotheby's on December 17, are expected to fetch up to £15,000.

Dame Rebecca's niece, Alison Selford, of Muswell Hill, north London, says that Wells seduced her aunt and by refusing for most of his life to acknowledge their son contributed to Anthony becoming "a fixed in human Form"

Mrs Selford, 76, daughtet of Dame Rebecca's sister Winifred, said yesterday: "Do not think because people are famous that they lead happy lives.

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H.G. Wells and West

They do not." She added:
"Wells's refusal to acknowledge Anthony had a terrible effect on the boy."

In more than 500 letters that

In more than 500 letters that Mrs Selford is selling, Dame Rebecca frequently refers to Wells in disparaging terms. In 1923 she writes: "I've had two other letters from H. G. of the most amazing abusive sort. I've falt his hatred of my work for a year or two now — and of course the accusations of laziness are frequent — particularly when I'm ill or dead with overwork." In 1949, she was surprised at a proposal that a forthcoming book should disclose that Wells was father of her son. She persuaded Anthony to suppress the fact.

From the 1920s onwards she broaded over her son's obvious inhappiness and deteriorating behaviour. In one letter she says: "As for Anthony, he appears to be quite mad." In another: "... it is the meanest thing he could do — and so terribly like H.G."

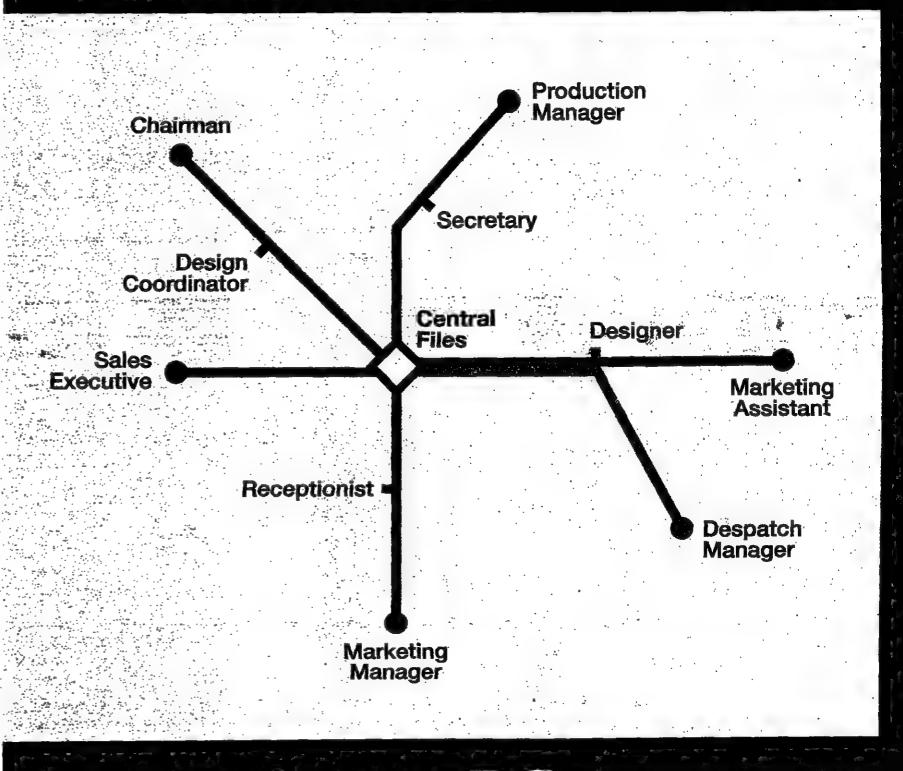
Rebecca West also discloses in the letters that she had an affair with Chartie Chaplin. "I never told anybody but when I was out in Los Angeles in 1924 Charlie made violent love to me and asked me to marry him. He told me he was pressing me so hard to live with him then, because he had suddenly become terrified of impotence."

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# Tories cannot help making a meal of deadly division over Europe

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gerous meal for politicians — especially in a public restaurant where your indiscretions can be observed. Country houses and the salons of the great hostesses were safer, though even then, the identity of sources sometimes became known even if only within the political world.

The second volume of the History of the Times records how. on becoming Prime Minister in 1855. Palmerston realised the value of passing what was then coyly called "intelligence" to Delane, the great mid-19th century editor of this paper. Brougham, a longstanding the relationship as "devil worship" and complained: "Is it to be believed that nothing oozes out which should be kept secret, in these connexions?"

Whatever the precise nature of Kenneth Clarke's remarks to the BBC over lunch on Wednesday. and despite denials about "mischief making" last night, the damage has been done. The thrust of the report rings true - over the Cabinet arguments this year and that not only him but also several other ministers would have regarded any decision to close the single currency option as unac-

### RIDDELL ON POLITICS

ceptable. He did not threaten to resign this week since he did not need to do so. The deep wounds within the Tory party over Europe have yet again been revealed. As today's Gallup poll confirms, the

Tories are in deep trouble. No matter how hard, or how often. John Major tries to draw a ment, the arguments continue. The protagonists are so suspicious of each other that no concordat, however temporary, is possible. The sceptics have been unwilling

to accept the Cabinet view last April when the single currency referendum was announced, that the wait-and-see option should remain at the general election.

As Mr Clarke has allegedly

complained, there have been various attempts since then to shift Government policy. The latest clumsy effort this week has backfired in the short-term. The existing policy has been reaffirmed even more strongly by Mr Major, Mr Clarke and particularly Mich-Heseltine, even though a change is favoured by many ministers and Tory backbenchers as expressed at a long discussion at last night's 1922 committeel.

However, this is not the end of the story. Not only will there be a further attempt by sceptic ministers in the New Year to press for a statement at the time of the election manifesto ruling out participation in the next parliament, but many Tory MPs and candidates will unilaterally make such a commitment. At the election, the Tory party will be all over the place. The official line that a decision cannot be taken yet will be privately disputed by many ministers and

stituency manifestoes of local

There is, however, a reasonable uniddle way for the Cabinet maintaining the want and see policy (to ensure that Mr Clarke and his pro-European allies do not resign) while pointing to the abwards the Maastricht targets on Budget deficits in much of Europe (which would make it difficult, if not impossible, for Britain to join. in the first wave). This would not, of course, satisfy those who reject British involvement in monetary union as a matter of principle, but

compromise until the election. After all, no one seriously believes that a re-elected Tory Government would enter a single currency.

Sensible parties avoid divisive issues when decisions do not have to be taken. But the Tory party is not in a sensible mood. It increasingly resembles the Labour party of the late 1970s and early 1980s, drawn inexorably back to the issue certain to do it most damage. Even if an open split is avoided, a shambles looks unavoidable at the time of the election.

PETER RIDDELL

# How Clarke spilt the fagioli at a Mayfair lunch

IT WAS over a £70-s-head lunch in the West End of London that Kenneth Clarke allegedly said he would resign if John Major changed his 'wait and see" policy on a single currency.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer was on typically ebul-lient form as he tucked in with two BBC journalists at Chez Nico at Ninety Park Lane. Two bottles of red wine were consumed by the trio but according to Westminster sources, most of the drinking was not done by the Chancellor. On the table lay a copy of Monday's Daily Telegraph. which claimed that the Prime Minister was keen to rule out joining a single currency in the next Parliament before the

But between mouthfuls, Mr Clarke allegedly told Jon Sopel and Mark Mardell, two of the BBC's senior journalists.

would he go, but he would be joined by a number of middleranking and junior ministers.

Mr Clarke also allegedly said that he was furious with Central Office sources briefing journalists against him and had told Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, to "tell your kids to get their scooters

The lunch was conducted strictly on "lobby terms", which means the conversation was held entirely off the record. Any stories that emerged from the lunch could never be sourced to the guest and Mr Clarke felt he could speak freely without retribu-tion or attribution.

If either of the journalists made his views public — as Mr Sopel did — he could deny the story because it was unsourced. But the Chancellor had not banked on Frank

happened to be lunching at the same restaurant with Robin Oakley, the BBC's political

At the time, Mr Dobson thought little of it Nothing two senior BBC journalists lunching with a Cabinet minister. It was only when he listened to BBC Radio's lunchtime news yesterday in Wakefield while waiting to catch a train back to London that Mr Dobson realised the importance of the meeting. He instantly rang Tony Blair's office in London and

told the Labour leader's aides about Mr Clarke's lunch. While Labour spokesmen began telling other lobby cor-

respondents the source of the story, Mr Clarke was forced to issue a statement denying he had threatened to resign. Yesterday both Mr Sopel

and Mr Mardell refused to comment. Mr Sopel said: "It was a private lunch. I am not even confirming who it was with." Mr Mardell said: "I am not confirming or denying any lunches that I have." How-ever. Mr Sopel later blew caution to the wind on BBC Television's Six O'Clock News and recounted much of his alleged conversation with Mr Clarke. Mr Sopel presents the weekly discussion programme Newstalk on BBC Radio's 5 Live and regularly presents



Radio 4's PM programme. Last night Nico Ladenis, the proprietor of Chez Nico at Ninety, who runs two other restaurants bearing his name, refused to confirm that Mr Clarke had lunched at his restaurant on Wednesday.

"I don't go round saying who comes into my restaurant or not." he said. "I would never say that. And anyway I don't remember who comes to

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my restaurant. I only remember them if they behave badly and I have to throw them out." But he added: "I like Ken Clarke and his policies. I think he is a wonderful man."

It is not the first time that politicians have come unstrick talking to journalists over a meal. During the Labour Parconference in Blackpool in October, Stephen Byers, an employment spokesman, told over a meal at the Sea Food Restaurant that Labour was considering breaking its links with the unions.

Before the last election, Neil Kinnock, the former Labour leader, told journalists over dinner at Luigi's, a restaurant in Covent Garden, that he might water down the tax policies of John Smith, his Shadow Chancellor.

# Brown fires early shots in phoney war on Wirral

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR yesterday wheeled one of its big guns on to a by-election battleground that may witness only the skirmishes of a phoney war. Gordon Brown thundered

into Wirral South to open the Labour campaign headquar-ters for what could be the last by-election of this Parliament. But even as the Shadow Chancellor prepared the ground, senior Tories were hinting that they might not call the contest, leaving the seat vacant until the general election. Mr Brown and Ben Chapman, Labour's prospective candidate, voiced immediate anger at the suggestion, accusing the Tories of "running scared" and "disentranchising the voters of Wirral South". The hints from Westminster

are unlikely to stop Labour

from campaigning in the con-

stituency in an attempt to

shame the Tories into contest-ing a seat held with a govern-

ment majority of 8,183.

Even before a real campaign has opened. Mr Chapman and his Tory opponent. Les Byrom, have been trading insults over campaign tactics. with each accusing the other of trying to woo voters before the memorial service for Barry Porter, the Tory MP who died

last month. The early weeks of shadow boxing may prove important for both candidates, particularly Mr Chapman, who has already attracted widespread attention for his swift rise to Labour's front line. Mr Chapman, 56, retired from the Civil

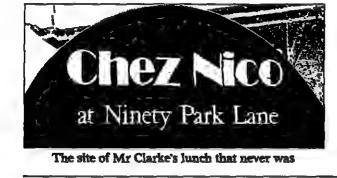
Service last year and joined Labour only eight months ago. He put himself forward last month as a late replacement for the previous prospective candidate, who resigned amid accusations surrounding his

Mr Chapman might have been specially designed to epitomise Labour's shift in recent years. As a senior civil servant at the Department of Trade and Industry he worked closely with ministers such as Michael Heseltine, acting as a diplomat in China and the Far East. More recently the divorced father of three has worked as a DTI director, coordinating business in the Merseyside region.

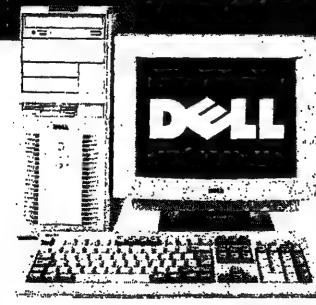
He concedes that his sudden mai after years of neutrality is likely to be seized upon by the Conservatives. The point is that any government has to recognise that, within a neutral civil servant doing a job on behalf of the Government. there is a person who has his own independent views."

He said that he had been a stalwart Labour voter but had been able to do something within the community only since his retirement. I have taken the opportunity that

arose very unexpectedly." My Byrom, a long-standing Tory councillor in nearby Setton, said of Mr Chapman: "He has no roots here. He is just a diplomat, but he does not have my experience in dealing with voters and with péople's problems."







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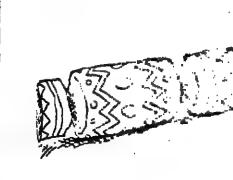


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# Patten gives colony firm pledge on passports

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

CHRIS PATTEN, the Governor of Hong Kong, said yesterday that it would be "impudent" of Peking to threaten almost 140,000 people in Hong Kong who were given British passports in 1990 to provide reassurance after the 1989 Tiananmen Square killings.

Speaking to an extraordinary meeting of the Legislative

CHRIS PATTEN, the Governor as possible," he said, "This is the right place to deal with these anxieties."

Mr Patten dealt with widespread suspicions of treachery within the Government. One council member raised the possibility that Lawrence Leung, the Director of Information until his sudden retirement in July, had provided the Chinese with the names of

nary meeting of the Legislative Council. Mr Patten staked British and his personal hon-our by guaranteeing that Britain will recognise fully the British Nationality Selection Scheme passport, now and after the transfer of sovereignty next summer.

It is indistinguishable from his own passport, Mr Patten said, waving it at the chamber. If what he said was not true, he added, "you can find me wherever I am and hang my words around my neck".

The Governor had summoned the council to defuse mounting panic here that tens of thousands of people who accepted the BNSS passport would be abandoned because Peking did not recognise the document. "I came as quickly

Chinese with the names of thousands of holders of the disputed passports. Mr Leung's background is under investigation by a Legislative Council select committee. The Governor insisted that he had no evidence of such treachery and said: "I have no reason to suspect the Chinese have such a list of names."

Despite assurances earlier in the week from the Governor, Anson Chan, the Chief Secretary, and the Foreign Office in a message sent on Wednesday at Mr Patten's behest, many here remained convinced that a senior British official's statement meant that the 1990 British Nationality Selection Scheme passports, given to 50,000 heads of fam-ilies and their dependants,



Chris Patten stakes his honour yesterday on the value Britain places on the 140,000 Hong Kong passports

would not ensure consular protection.

Francis Cornish, the Senior British Trade Commissioner here, who is also the senior Foreign Office representative, had said on Tuesday that consular protection would not be offered to BNSS passport-holders because Peking re-garded them as Chinese. Peking has dismissed the passport as a British political trick, and on Wednesday a Chinese official in the colony

said of its holders: "If their BNSS identities are successfully traced, they would no longer be regarded as foreign

An angry Mr Patten said: What would China think if Britain decided who was Chinese? They'd think it was a monstrous impudence." He urged Peking's "po-faced" al-lies in the council to tell China such statements create amiety in Hong Kong.

Nobody can tell Britain who

is proof of dual nationality, the is a British citizen, Mr Patten said. "All British passports look alike," he said. No consul Governor assured the council. "is not evidence". will ask how it was obtained.

There is an international

convention, the Governor ex-

plained, which holds that

those with dual citizenships

cannot expect "formal" consul-

ar protection from one country

when they are in the other. "But they will still get assis-

tance," he said. A mere state-

ment from Peking that

possession of a BNSS passport

Without such evidence, for example a Chinese passport, Britain would consider as unquestionably British all BNSS passport-holders. Mr Patten warned Peking that, if it persisted in defining unilaterally those whose foreign passports are valid "after 1997, there will be a large number of arguments

# Chinese general gets red-carpet welcome to US

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

will gesture to Peking, the United States is extending its full diplomatic red carpet to General Chi Haotian. China's Minister of National Defence, who arrived for a ten-day visit

to America last night. General Chi, who commanded the army during the Tiananmen Square massacre in June 1989 and earned his stripes fighting American soldiers on the Korean peninsula, will be granted an honour guard welcome by William Perry, the Defence Secretary, at the Pentagon on Monday. He is also expected to meet President Clinton.

Today he will visit West Point, the army academy outside New York. Next week General Chi will be given tours of the naval installations at Norfolk, Virginia, of Maxwell airforce base in Ala-bama. Fort Hood army headouarters in Texas, and the Sandia national military laboratory in New Mexico. Then his delegation will be flown to Hawaii to meet the US Pacific Command.

Such a reception would have been inconceivable in the immediate aftermath of Tiananmen Square when hundreds of pro-democracy demonstrators were killed by the general's troops. His visit to the United States was delayed twice last year after the most serious deterioration

IN AN unprecedented good- in relations between the two powers over Taiwan.

The visit is certain to pro voke renewed criticism of Mr Clinton's policy of engagement with China from Republicans in Congress. They were the most vocal proponents of the decision to grant a visa to President Lee Teng-hui of Taiwan last spring, a move which precipitated a downward spiral in relations and led to Peking's military exer-cises off the Far Eastern island.

Republicans have since criticised Mr Clinton for not taking a tougher line against the Chinese authorities over human rights violations and missile sales to rogue nations. However, the visit by General Chi was viewed by the White House yesterday as the most tangible sign that Sino-American relations were finally on the mend and, followed by a proposed series of meetings between Mr Clinton and President Jiang Zemin of China. would create a climate of greater warmth between the countries.

Among the key issues which will dominate discussions in Washington will be the Clinton Administration's wish to secure permission for American naval vessels to continue making port calls in Hong Kong after the British colony reverts to Chinese control next summer.

### French fight | Netanyahu mutineers in Bangui

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

FRENCH troops fought rebels on the streets of Bangui yesterday as an army mutiny in the Central African Republic escalated and foreigners began fleeing the capital.

The uprising, which started on November 16 over army pay, has since intensified into a full-scale rebellion, with overtones of tribal violence against President Patasse and his French backers.

French troops began evacuating foreign nationals yesterday as rebei shells landed on the capital's main hotel and French tanks took up positions -at the presidential palace and national radio station.

ed presidential guard. France has 1,500 troops and military advisers in its former colony.

# defiant on settlements

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

IN DEFLANCE of Arab, European and American criticism, Israel said yesterday that permission had been given for hundreds more Jews to live in the occupied West Bank and many Israelis now wanted to move there.

David Bar-Illan, a senior adviser to Binyamin Netanhu, the Prime Minister, tol Israel radio that Jews could now occupy 200 empty housing units in the settlement of Kedumin, near the largest West Bank Palestinian city of Nablus, He said 100 additional units were being built there. with planning permission sought for 200 more.

The official justified the decision to revoke the ban imposed by the previous Labnecessary to allow for the growth of the settlement

Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, said that the move violated the 1993 peace



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The mutineers fired mortars into the city centre and about 400 rebels sought to break out of strongholds in the south and west of the capital. At least two soldiers were killed in the fighting between the mutineers and the French-supportated presidential greats. France



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# French Pretender sells off family heirlooms



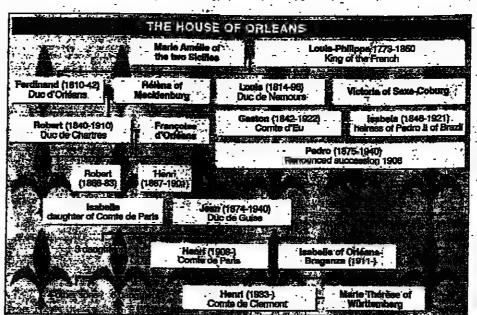
The present Comte de Paris, a would-be king in waiting, at Chantilly in 1986

THE Pretender to the French throne will sell off hundreds of family heirlooms next week after a bitter court battle in which his children accused him of plundering their

Henri d'Orléans, Comte de Paris, 88, a direct descendant of Hugues Capet, the founder of France's 1,000-year-old Capetian dynasty, announced three years ago that he intended to sell the contents of his former home in Portugal, sparking furious opposition from five of his nine surviving

Four days before the intended sale in 1993, the children (aged in their 50s and 60s) filed a lawsuit claiming that the Comte and his wife were "squandering family souve-nirs" of emotional value. After a lengthy legal tussle, however. France's court of appeal has given the sale the go-

Sotheby's in Monaco will auction 400 lots from the collection, including portraits, jewellery, furniture, china and books. The sale is expected to raise up to £1.8 million for the Old Pretender's coffers, but it



split in the fractious French royal family since 1984, when Comte disinherited his eldest son, Henri, for divorcing and marrying a divorcée.

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This week the Comte said that the dispute had left him with a "profound feeling of anger", and he singled out the children, complete with titles, who had dared to oppose his royal will: "Henri, Comte de Clermont — who has since renounced his title - Jacques, Duc d'Orléans, Michel.

Comte d'Evreux, Isabelle, Comtesse Frédéric Carl de Schoenborn-Buchheim, and Hélène, Comtesse Evrard de Limbourg-Stirum."

Comte, who has never re-

nounced his right to the

French throne, told Paris-

who abdicated in 1848. While popular among Catholic tradi-

tionalists, the House of

Orleans is widely seen in

France as an entertaining but

irrelevant anachronism. The

Comte said he would also use

the sale's proceeds to continue

bringing out the monarchist "monthly bulletin" he founded

in 1948, and to "leave some-

Precisely which children is

unclear, since the Comte de Paris, in another sign that his

family is somewhat less than

close-knit, admits he does not know how many grandchildren or great-grandchildren

he has, and does not much care. Frankly, it's only the

boys that interest me. The monarchist tradition is found-

ed on male succession ... in the area of succession it is vital

to maintain this principle," he

He noted, however, that his

sons had all opposed his-selling off bits of the family

heritage, while four of his daughters had "affectionately

rallied round". The unseemly feud is a further setback to the

tiny minority of French people

thing for the children".

The last King of France was the Orleanist Louis-Philippe.

Match magazine this week.

The eccentric patriarch, who claimed that President de Gaulle had suggested he succeed him as head of state in 1965, has made no secret of his wanting the cash to maintain "a certain way of life".

"Our house keeps up ap-pearances better than in Great Britain, where the royal image France at the moment," he added, with an optimism undimmed by republicanism and undiluted by realism. Sotheby's has defended the

favourable for the House of

sale, pointing out that the family has often sold artworks. "After the death of the Grand Dauphin, the son of Louis XIV who was an important collector, most of his collection was sold by the Duc de Berry," points out Alexandre Pradère of

The majority of the royal family's artworks have already been presented by the Comte to a foundation promoting the "monarchical ideal". Items on sale next week come from the former royal residence, Quinta, where the family lived from the end of the Second World War until 1950, when the claimants to the French throne were allowed back into France. The Portuguese house was sold in

The most important artwork up for auction is an 1842 portrait of the Comte de Paris by Franz-Xaver Winterhalter, valued at Fr300,000 to Fr500,000 (£37,500 to £62,500). The portrait has been declared a national treasure and so can be sold only to a French collector.

A set of six Empire armchairs that once belonged to the statesman Talleyrand is also on sale with an estimated value of Fr300,000.

The collection is of greater historical than artistic importance, according to experts, but for France's die-hard monarchists the auction is an opportunity to obtain, say, a book bearing the royal fleur-

de-lys for as little as Fr2,000. While the courts have allowed the sale, the Comte's children, have launched yet another appeal which, upheld, could lead to fresh legal claims after the collection has been dispersed. The undignifed spectacle of the royal house of Orleans bickering over who gets the family silver has not been lost on the sons and daughters of the French Revolution.

As Le Figaro pointed out who cling to the quipotic notion that the monarchy wryly: "It is a sad joke to see might one day be restored. 🤈 the Pretender Capetian dynasty putting such says: "What do you expect? When you have Il calidaca tice to sort out their internal

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# Juppé's popularity tre for tumbles as woes multiply in France

TOYS worth more than £20,000 intended as Christmas presents for the children of Alain Juppe's staff have been stolen, capping a bruis-ing fortnight of misfortune, miscalculation and misery for the French Prime Minister.

Nothing is going M Juppé's way. The paralysing French lorry drivers' strike has been followed in quick succession by the terrorist bombing of a commuter train and the botched privatisation of the defence giant, Thomson SA.

The divided centre-right coalition is baying for blood, the long-established "franc forr policy is being openly ques-tioned, France's drive for a single currency is under threat and M Juppé's popu-larity has reached the lowest ebb of any leader in modern

Wits have interpreted the theft of the 3,000 Christmas packages as a sign that even Father Christmas has it in for the Prime Minister, but the sea of troubles now swamping M Juppe is mostly of his own

making.
On Wednesday the Government halted the sale of Thomson after an independent privatisation commission refused to approve the sale of its electronics branch to a South Korean company. M Juppé had approved the deal before consulting the commission, and his characteristically blunt assertion that Thomson was worthless ignited the fury

Korea has demanded an explanation for the U-turn amid allegations of racism; Thomson workers are celebrating victory and even the



Juppé: swamped by a sea of troubles

dering how a deal that seemed scaled last week has collapsed. This is just one more shambles," complained Francois-Michel Gonnot, the Gaullist chairman of the par-

liamentary committee on

trade and industry. The concessions to striking lorry drivers have already provoked similar demands for early retirement and wage rises in other sectors, and oil industry unions have called for a strike next week.

Tuesday's bomb on a crowded commuter train, which killed two people and injured dozens, has dealt another blow to the government's confidence a year after it claimed to have beaten back the threat of Islamic terrorism. Shares in department stores

have tumbled as machineguncarrying police and soldiers patrol shops, stations and airports and France faces the prospect of a Christmas period blighted by fear of further attacks. Officials maintain

that Tuesday's bombing could not have been anticipated, but according to French newspapers the Government had received a number of recent intelligence reports warning that Paris was once again the target of Algerian Islamic militants. M Juppe's domestic political

wees are scarcely less explosive. His plans to cap a wealth tax for the very rich and bring in tougher anti-racism laws are foundering amid strong opposition from his own party, but perhaps most threatening is the growing debate over the policy of linking the franc to the deutschmark, a central tenet of government thinking for more than a decade.

Officials predict a major reshuffle in the new year, but Elysée insiders say President Chirac is not yet ready to drop his prime minister. Some of the most savage criticism has come from the ranks of the ruling Gaullist RPR party, of which M Juppe is the head. In a recent newspaper inter-

view. M. Juppé declared that he intended to lead the party into the 1998 elections and then quit. For many observers the suggestion that he might be able to hang on for so long appeared wildly unrealistic. Corruption inquiry: An investigating magistrate struck at the heart of an alleged covert funding system for the RPR party by ordering the arrest of the movement's former personnel chief. Louise-Yvonne Casetta, who was regarded as the party's shadow treasurer, was detained for questioning over suspected



Sadako Ogata, the United Nation High Commissioner for Refugees, top, at the conference with Bosnian leaders Alija Izetbegovic, left, and Kresimir Zubak

# Milosevic pays up to quell protests

FROM STACY SULLIVAN IN BELGRADE

Slobodan Milosevic, yester-day appeared to be taking steps to quell popular anger. which has brought demonstrators on to the streets of Belgrade for the past 17 days. He showed no sign, howev-

er, of caving in to the protesters' demands that he recognise the results of last month's municipal elections, which gave a resounding victory to opposition parties in almost every major Serbian town. The electoral commission cited unspecified irregularities and state-controlled courts annulled the results.

Local media reported that Mr Milosevic's Socialist Government had introduced a series of measures designed to appease popular discontent by lowering state electricity bills and paying pensioners who have not received state cheques since September. Stu-

THE Serbian President, dents, who have led the crusade against the Government, were promised larger grants.

The independent Belgrade radio station, Radio B-92. went back on the air after Serbian authorities came under severe international criticism for shutting it down. The student radio station, Radio Index, also went back

on the air yesterday.
"I think Milosevic wants out of this storm," said Mihalo Markovic, a former adviser to the President and former head of the Serbian Socialist Party.

The Government began purging unpopular officials from its ranks. State television announced the resignation of Mile llic, the president of the Socialist Party in the town of Nis. He has been blamed by opposition parties for manipulating election results there. Aleksandr Tijanic, the Infor-mation Minister, resigned.

### Bosnia tribunal boost

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

BRITISH police officers assigned to The Hague international tribunal investigating war crimes in the former Yugoslavia could be sent to Bosnia-Herzegovina to try to trace the 67 indicted war criminals still at large.

With the promise of more international help, offered yesterday at the end of a twoday conference on Bosnia in London, the tribunal is expected to expand operations.

Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, said he would be "extremely dissatisfied" if General Ratko Mladic, the former Bosnian Serb army commander, and Radovan Karadzic, former president of the Bosnian Serbs, as well as other indicted war criminals had not been dealt with within the next 12 months.

Despite the added resources, however, the conference communiqué made it clear that the responsibility for arresting the indicted war criminals remained with the

### Spanish dolls take a beating

Madrid: A doll depicting a boy with a black eye, missing teeth and a gashed check Spanish children's rights groups yesterday (Tunku Varadarajan writes). Priced at 1,000 pesetas (£5), and aimed at three-year-olds to six-yearolds, the doll is selling briskly. Another version, with the boy's bruised head serving as the top half of a flask of

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cologne, is doing less well. Prodeni, Spain's leading child protection society, said it glamorised child abuse. However, Miguel Rodriguez, the manufacturer, asked: "Who esays it represents an abused child and not one who has fallen down stairs?"



The dolls that have upset children's rights groups

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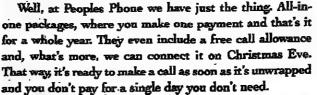
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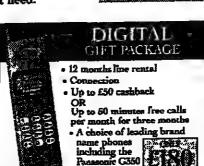
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# Nazis 'smuggled gold in Swiss diplomatic bags'

SWISS bankers used diplomatic pouches to smuggle Nazi gold and securities into Argentina, including a £13 million retirement fund for Hermann Goering, the Luftwaffe commander and one of Hitler's closest henchmen, according to secret papers.

A State Department memorandum of December 1946. made public for the first time yesterday, reported that before ring, Joseph Goebbels, the Propaganda Minister, and other senior Nazis had tried to transfer "securities, bullion and cash" out of Europe

The memorandum from Laurence Frank, the US Consul in Austria, was released by Alfonse D'Amato, the New York Republican senator whose banking committee is investigating whether billions of pounds belonging to Holocaust victims may still be hidden in Swiss bank vaults.

The World Jewish Congress has alleged that up to \$7 billion (£4.3 billion) belonging to Jews killed in the Holocaust remained in Swiss banks after

Goering and Goebbels first moved money to Geneva in diplomatic bags which could not be inspected. "It is reported that Reichsmarshall Goering lately used this method to transfer personal funds," Frank's report stated. "According to these reports. Goering previously sent more than \$20 million of his person-

Perón: may have helped

the release of papers from the US Embassy in Buenos Aires earlier this week, showing that the Nazis secretly sent more than \$1 billion to Argentina in the last month of the war and scoured the world for sanctuaries for their plundered Argentina, which har-

boured numerous Nazi war criminals - such as Adolf Eichmann, one of the archi-tects of the Holocaust, and Erich Priebke, the former SS captain extradited to Italy last year — has meanwhile been pitched further into the controversy. It was reported that Eva Peron may have conspired with the Nazis to set up secret accounts on behalf of her

Goering also used a sub-

marine to ship part of his fortune to Argentina in the

summer of 1943, the memo said. Goebbels placed \$1.3

million in a safety deposit box

in a German-controlled bank

in Buenos Aires, where Joachim von Ribbentrop, Hit-

ler's Foreign Minister, also

These disclosures followed

secreted a large sum.

husband to hide hundreds of millions of dollars obtained from looted Nazi gold, cash and art treasures.

Although the memo said the Swiss Government was probably unaware of the role that Swiss bankers and businessmen played in aiding the Nazis, Mr D'Amato also released a letter that he has sent to Carlo Jagmetti, the Swiss Ambassador, demanding an explanation.

I am amazed by a passage In the document which states trusted to conduct diplomatic missions to South America," he said. "My great fear is that it was these bankers who were allowed to carry on such the transfer of Nazi loot to Argentina and beyond."

☐ Geneva: An independent panel will investigate the Washington reports, Thomas try official, said. The Government had no knowledge of the allegations, he added. (AP)

This Christmas WHSmith



A protester makes a peace sign after South African police fired teargas and stun grenades yesterday at hundreds of Zulus, some armed ing on the East Rand over eviction from a township.

ed with the Inkatha Free-

marching towards council offices in the nearby town of Alberton after chasing away officials who tried to serve eviction notices (Inigo Gilmore writes). The resipolice cordoned off roads

and fired stun grenades to disperse the crowd. The trouble had its roots in violence during the run-up to the 1994 election, in which Thokoza was a focal point. Mandela's African National

cupied them. Since then the township has been divided. with ANC supporters living in one half and Inkatha

supporters in the other.
The proposed evictions were part of a plan to rebuild the township. Local officials said they would

Clashes at Zulu protest

Congress fied their homes Afghan 'puppet' dies in

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

BABRAK KARMAL, the former Afghan leader who helped to trigger the III-fated Soviet invasion of his country but was later deposed by the Kremlin, has died in exile at a Moscow hospital.

Moscow

The 67-year-old former Communist leader is reported to have died from liver cancer on Tuesday at the Kremlin Central Clinical Hospital. His body is expected to be returned. to northern Afghardstan for

eneral and a member of the Afghan elite, emerged as a political figure in the 1960s went on to found the pro-Soviet People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan.

When the party seized power in 1978, he lost ground in the rivairies within the Communist leadership and was posted as Ambassador to Prague by the new Afghan dictator, Hafizuilah Amin. However, Mr Karmal was chosen as the Kremlin's puppet figure when Amin was murdered and Soviet forces invaded.

**Farmers** urged to end Greek blockade

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COSTAS SIMITIS, the Greek Prime Minister, appealed to day to end a crippling eightday blockade of road and rail links, saying it was posing a serious threat to the economy.

Among those caught up in the dispute are foreign lorry drivers, including about 40 from Britain stranded at Patras, Greece's third largest harbour. In his first public comments since the farmers began their

action last Thursday, Mr Similis said in a televised address: "The taking over of national roads and paralysing when he won a reputation as a of transport are putting an fiery Communist orator and unbearable cost on the economy. The takeovers harm vital interests of other sectors. They who have blocked land links to Greece using 10,000 tractors, to lift the barricades, but did

not go beyond veiled threats. Mr Simitis, facing his first crisis since winning September's elections, has said sacrifices must be made to meet European Union ecoTHE SI

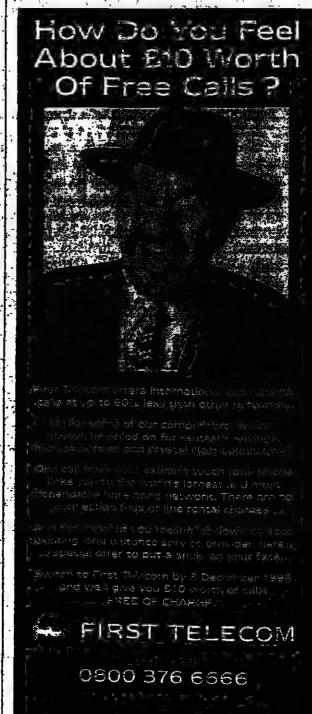
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FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

AMERICANS woke yesterday to the revelation that government inflation figures for the past two decades have been exaggerated by a third. If the flaws are corrected, the country's budget woes could be eased at a stroke, but the changes would hit the wallets of every pensioner and taxpayer.

The new inflation estimates emerged from a commission of independent economists appointed by Congress. If the Government fixes the flaws in its inflation model, as an independent commission recom-mends, it will be able to knock more than \$50 billion (£3) billion) off the 2002 government budget deficit - more than a third. But the change would push up taxes and squeeze pensions and other government benefits.

Politicians of all parties welcomed the figures, glimpsing the tantalising prospect of "quick fix" to the country's budget problems. The new inflation numbers recommended by the commission offer a magic wand for boosting growth, raising taxes and shrinking the cost of pensions. But politicians, while salivating at the prospect, were also highly nervous of initiating the changes for fear of unleashing a political storm.

Groups representing the 60 million Americans who receive government pensions and other benefits called on President Clinton not to use the figures as a way of balancing the budget, the biggest problem confronting him in his second term. That would "a dangerous path to follow", according to Horace Deets of the American Associ-

ation for Retired Persons. Mr Clinton has committed himself to making progress on reducing the US's huge deficit - the annual gap between government income and spending - by 2002. The Republican controlleri Congress may also pass

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According to the commis-sion, the Government's measure of inflation has been too high by 1.1 percentage points a year. Instead of inflation of about 3 per cent a year, the real figure is about 1.9 per cent, it said. The new figures also transform the picture of America's growth for the past two decades, showing the economy has not been as

sluggish as thought.
Fixing the flaws would cut
\$148 billion off the budget
deficit in 2006, a third of its projected level, according to the Congressional Budget Office, a politically independent forecasting body. National debt would be cut by nearly \$700 billion by the same date.

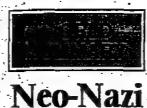
But almost every taxpaying American would see bills rise. Pensioners would have their cost-of-living allowances squeezed by about \$100 each

The Government currently calculates inflation by looking at the prices of 95,000 goods. Errors have crept in because the present model does not take account of how much products have improved in the past few decades. If the price of a new car or computer doubles but the quality also rises, then it is not accurate to say that the price has really

The present model also fails to take account of the way consumers buy cheaper products as substitutes when the price of other products rises. When beef costs more, people eat extra chicken.

The commission also recommends taking account of the phenomenon of discount stores that are spreading across America and revolutionising the typical family's shopping habits.

Stores such as Wal-Mart and Price Club, together with warehouse-style wholesale shops, have been enthusiastically greeted by shoppers who flock to them each weekend to shave tens of dollars off their weekly bills.



# threat to fans

Madrid: The intense rivalry between Real Madrid and Barcelona football clubs separated by a point -- took a sinister turn this week when a neo-Nazi group threatened to "cripple" Barcelona fans at tomorrow's league derby (Tunku Vara-

darajan writes). Skinhead members of Ultra Sur, a group of far-right Real Madrid hooligans, handed out leaflets saying those wearing Barce-lona colours in Madrid would be "dead meat".

### China railway kills 27 people

Shanghai: At least 27 people have been killed and nine badly injured by trains on the Peking-Hong Kong rail-way in the three months since it opened on Septem-ber I, the People's Daily reported yesterday. Most of the victims were reported to be people living along the railway who were hit as they crossed the tracks. There have been a total of 49 accidents. (Reuter)

### Yeltsin fixes up Clinton talks

Moscow: President Yeltsin will meet President Clinton in March, probably in the United States. The White House said that Al Gore, the Vice-President, will meet Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Rossian Prime Minister, in February to prepare for the summit, agreed during a 20minute telephone conversation yesterday. (AP)

### Woman has sextuplets

Huelva, Spain: A woman who became pregnant with eight focuses with the aid of fertility drugs, has given birth to six babies — four boys and two girls. Doctors death of a second foetus. The first -died in the 27th week. (AP)

# Heroine of the hawks flies higher

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

AMERICA'S first female Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright, spent her childhood in London during the Blitz and grew up speaking English with a British accent.

The daughter of a Czech diplomat, Ms Albright was born Marie Jana Korbel in Prague in 1937 and spent the war in a small house in the London suburbs. She moved to America in 1948 when her father sought asylum from the Communists who had taken over their homeland.

As America's UN Ambassador for the past four years, the divorced mother-of-three has earned a reputation for quite unladylike blummess. During her recent feud with Boutros Boutros Ghali, one UN official said the aristocratic UN chief viewed her as an "East European peasant with American

Although not a professional diplomat, Ms Albright is an astute political operator who studied for her PhD under a future National Security Adviser, Zbigniew Brzezinski, and has served a host of senior Democrats, including Adlai Stevenson, Edmund Muskie. Jimmy Carter and Michael Duknkis.

Her tentative performance in her first two years as UN Ambassador earned her scorn from some fellow diplomats and a reputation as Ambassador "Half-Bright" - the same nickname she was given by schoolgirls in her youth. She learnt on the job, however, facing intense Congressional pressure after the death of US servicemen supporting the UN peacekeeping mission in Somalia

A former university professor and self-described "policy work", Ms Albright has a penchant for dreaming up new labels. Early in her term as UN Ambassador, she propounded the theory of "assertive multilateralism", according to which America would leverage its power by working



Madeleine Albright talks to journalists at UN headquarters in New York yesterday

with other states. After the debacle of multilateral peacekeeping in Somalia, she shifted to a theory of "spheres of responsibility" in which each great power would take care of its own backyard. Her current favourite is the "do-ability doctrine", a fancy name for

old-fashioned pragmatism. She is also the author of the increasingly popular taxon-omy which divides countries into such categories as "failed states", like Somalia, and "rogue states", like Libya and

North Korea Already a Cabinet member reference to President Reagan's highly political UN Ambassador.

With her impeccable anti-Communist credentials, Ms Albright is a hawk on all leading US foreign policy questions and has won a firm following among the Cold

Warriors. She has courted Senator Jesse Helms, the arch-conservative chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, and has travelled to his North Carolina constituency several times. The ageing Southern Senator is clearly charmed by her — he is said to dote on one of her daughters, who is a lawyer in Washington — and will present little challenge to her confirmation as Secretary

of State. She is staunchly pro-Israel and anti-Iraq, and can claim credit for responding quickly to Baghdad's renewed challenge to Kuwait in 1995 and its intervention in the Kurdish-

held north this year.

When the Iraql press described her as a "snake", she poked fun at them by wearing a serpent brooch.

After Cuba's shooting down of two light aircraft flown by protesters from the Miamibased "Brothers to the Rescue", she travelled to Florida to address a sports stadium full of 50,000 outraged Cuban exiles and kept the UN Security Council in session until past midnight to denounce Cuba's action. She forced through a UN resolution authorising a US-led invasion of Haiti, despite the reservations of the UN Secretary-

The greatest feather in her cap, however, is Bosnia. Unlike almost any other official of any country, she pursued a consistent policy that eventually yielded success.

Like the good Long Island housewife she used to be, the rotund Ms Albright is perennially worried about her weight. In February she went on a diet and has since then

### Lloyd Webber struggles to close curtain on court drama

By JAMES BONE

SIR Andrew Lloyd Webber's legal titfor-tat with an unknown American songwriter is set to become the New York courts after a judge's decision that seems likely to trigger new apoeal cases.

The British composer was sued in

1990 by Ray Repp, an American songwriter, who accused him of plagiarising his religious folk song Till You for the theme song of

Phantom of the Opera: former seminarian who now works part-time in a clothing shop, Mr Repp claimed that, because of Phantom's extraordinary worldwide success, he deserved tens of millions of dollars in damages. His own song earned total royalties of just \$78.09

as UN Ambassador, Ms

Albright is exquisitely attuned

to the tides of opinion in

Washington and frequently

plays to a domestic audience

rather than an international

one. Her eagerness to please

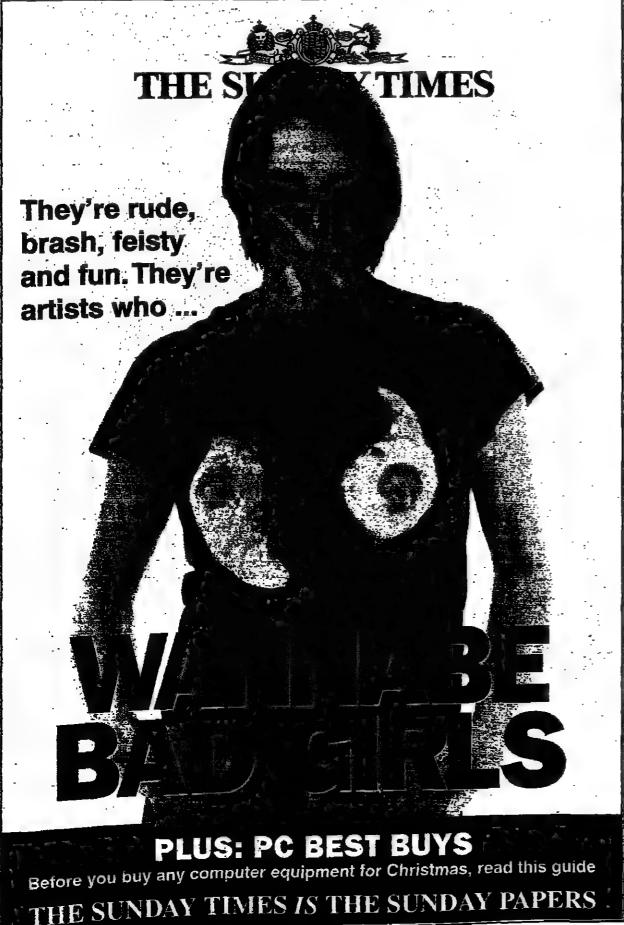
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crats to dub her the "Jeane

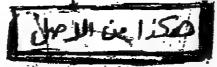
In 1994, a New York court ruled in Sir Andrew's favour, and Mr Repp was about to appeal when the British composer hit him with a tit-for-tat lawsuit claiming that Till You was itself copied from Close Every Door, a number in Sir Andrew's 1969 hit

musical Jesus Christ Superstar. Judge Shirley Wohl Kram of the US District Court ruled this week, however, that Sir Andrew had failed to prove plagiarism.

Mr Keod's lawyers said they now planned to proceed with an appeal against the 1994 decision. Sir Andrew's lawyers said they might also









Gillian Anderson as Dana Scully: a female lead who has yet to remove any clothing except to put on surgical scrubs

# The truth is out there - somewhere

my only cacuse.

Not so long ago, I gave my credentials as a sceptic in this newspaper; chief among them was my hafflement at the appeal of The X-Files. Tosh, I believe, was the word I used. Nonsense, too, sorang to mind, if not quite on BBC2 as a "cult show", but sprang to mind, if not quite on to the page. I felt quite superi-or to the weak-minded mil-lions who had fallen prey to the spell of Mulder and Scully and their exploits among the things that abduct in the night. I aligned myself firmly with the likes of Dr Richard Dawkins, who, in his recent Richard Dimbleby lecture, scorned the show's pseudoscience and stood firm for the

real wonders of the world. However, in the spirit of cultural inquiry (very pure-spirited) I tried the show again and again. Or perhaps it was not such a conscious effort. Perhaps I just found myself, come Wednesday evening, plonked in front of the hand but without the energy to open it. Perhaps I was guided towards the glowing screen by an implant inserted in my nose by alien beings, or even by evil agents of the American

You can see what's happened now, can't you? At least I have the comfort of knowing that I am not alone. Yes, of course there are the

How a sceptic fell prey to the spell of Mulder and Scully and became an X-Phile. Erica Wagner confesses

every week on BBC! (it started on BBC2 as a "cult show", but once viewing figures started racing upwards the switch was made) and the countless others who tune in on Sky One. There is The X-Files Book of the Unexplained, Vol. II (Simon and Schuster, E17.99) and The New Unofficial X-Files Companion (Mac-milian, 19.99); there is Trust No One: The Official Third Season Guide to The X-Files (Voyager, £9.99), all sure to bounce into the bestseller lists.

But now there is hard evidence of what we suspected all along - a phrase to make true X-Philes, as they call themselves, slaver. Deny All Knowledge: Reading the X-Files. appeared this week, under the august Faber imprint. Edited by three American academics, David Lavery, Angela Hague and Maria. Cartwright, this sober volume is "the first real attempt to examine the significance of the show". The essays contained between its covers, written by professors and doctors of phiosophy, have subtitles like The X-Files, Liminality and Gender Pleasure and The Imaginary, Voyeurism and the Symbolic Order in The X-Files. "Grounded," writes Linda Badley - Professor of English at Middle Tennessee State University — in her essay The Rebirth of the Clinic The Body as Allen in

Todorov, in Western psychology and neurobiology. The X-Files sustains a Todorovian hesitation between the physical and the metaphysical that takes openly dialogic form. In other words, Mulder and Scully - the first with a will to believe, the second with a will to doubt - talk to each other.

The X-Files, Tike Sartre and

funt at this kind of criticspeak, as David Lavery well knows. Lavery, Chair of the English Department at Middle Ten-nessee State, claims not to be a committed X-Phile (his real passion is revealed in an earlier work, Full of Secrets: Critical Approaches to Twin Peaks). He recently gave two parodic critical seminars in Las Vegas ("of all places") on

erious as this book is. I will admit that there is something silly in doing a serious study of a television show," lie says. "But in the latter half of the 20th century, attention will be our culture. television will be our culture. States - if it isn't on television, we don't know it."

If television is our culture, our culture reflects our current preoccupations. Bob Rickard is Editor of The Fortean Times, a bi-monthly journal of the paranormal whose circulation has soared in the past four years from 1,800 copies to more than 60,000. "We call it

sion," he says. "It applies to this clustering of weirdness you see now, whether it is a media creation or a genuine increase in a kind of collective

madness — perhaps both."

So there I am, vegged out on
the sofa, the half-baked emanations of a collective madness overriding my critical facul-ties. I want to believe, trumpets the poster behind Fox. "Spooky" Mulder's desk - do If A recent Church of England report shows us ignoring traditional houses of worship and venturing to astrologers instead: conspiracy theory is rife on the Internet: Stephen Hawking's wish to know the mind of God made his difficult

book a bestseller.

I still hold fast to my basic rationality. I'm not watching the skies or building cerie mountains out of mashed potato. Okay, so I like The X-Files - not bad writing, pretty cool stories and oh my good-ness, a female lead who has yet to remove any of her clothing — except to put on surgical scrubs.

And yet it is more than that which reels me in. The best stories are the old stories, and small grey visitors from outer space are only the old heroes in another guise. The Truth is, indeed, Out There - the truth of the tales we have told ourselves again and again down the years and the centuries. "The core of The X-Files is the encounter with the Other, that clusive — if not illusive figure who has come to pervade the pages of literary criticism, anthropology and psychoanalysis," writes Leslie Jones in her essay on mythology and the X-Files for *Deny All Knowledge*. The Other is a seductive creature, even when it takes the form of not-particularly-convincing madefor-TV special effects.

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That's what converted me. There. I've come clean.

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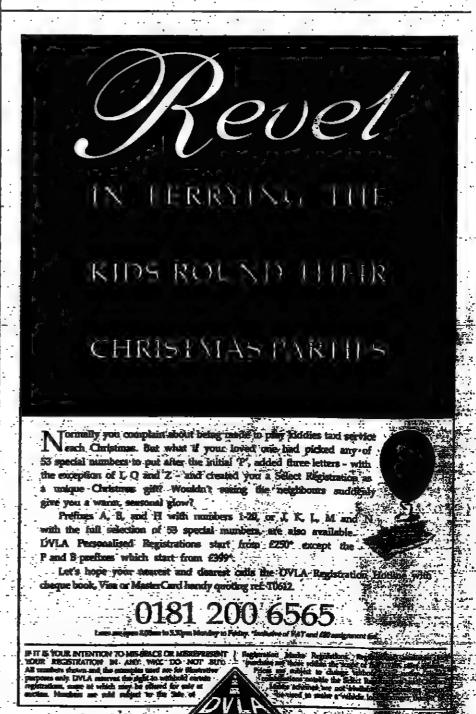
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Film producer Ismail Merchant's outrageous chutzpah overcomes any adversity



Charm, cunning and cuisine: Ismail woos friends with his curries: "I believe in doing things in the most unorthodox manner. That is the way to make your dreams come true."

# 'Nothing is impossible'

s I sit in the Groucho Club with Ismail Merchant, Stephen Fry sprints past and says "Be nice to him won't you" - as if anyone is ever nasty about the world's most popular film producer. Merchant woos actors and financiers by charm, cunning and cuisine; nobody turns him down once they have tasted his says the expression to curry favour" was invented about Ismail. Every film begins and ends with a feast fit for a nawab, prepared by Ismail.

Merchant and Ivory, the longest collaboration in film history, have given us 37-highly individual films in 35 years. The next one, Surviving Picasso (with Sir Anthony Hopkins a perfect Picasso, and Natascha McAlhone, first spotted in Richard II at Regent's Park Theatre, absolutely stunning as Françoise Gilot) will be released on Boxing Day. Early in the new year we shall see The Proprietor, directed by Merchant and starring Jeanne Moreau.

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In the meantime Merchant has written a 69-page introduction to the screenplay of The Proprietor (Bloomsbury) because he "thought people" would enjoy knowing how a film gets made - and how nothing is impossible".

What we learn is that the fons et origo of a film is a combination of nebulous fac-tors: Ismail longs to make another film in Paris: wants Jeanne Moreau, whom he has adored ever since Jules et Jim; hears an interesting story about the novelist Marguerite Duras, which becomes the germ of the plot; and finds an amazing, antique-filled 17th century apartment in St Germain (in which he now lives)

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full of chinoiserie, trompel'oell and painted cherubs. which would make a great film set.

Somehow, focusing the force of my will like a laser beam to make things happen" the film gets made. Ebullient, persuasive, scheming, haggling, wrangling, cajoling, Merchant gets the production together. He tells financiers it is a privilege to invest in his films. If that fails, he threatens them. "I tell them I will come with my Sikh mafiosi," he says, beaming. This determination and

chuzpah is carried through to the outrageous ploys he uses to get locations. When they need a scaffold in Central Park in New York, they borrow one from the film set of Eraser just by walking off with it early one morning. When the Trianon Palace Hotel refuses permission to shoot there, lemail masonerades as the Maharajah of Jodhpur and marches in with the crew playing his entourage. (He has sent his book to the Maharajah, a friend of his, with a note:

Sapji, please forgive me.")
"What is the point," he asks me, "of being some convendoing things in the most unorthodox manner. That is the way to make your dreams come true."

East is east and west is west, and Ismail Merchant is where the twain meet. His father was a textile trader in the Bombay bazaars: his mother was illiterate and in purdah. In his childhood the family of nine became prosperous enough to send Ismail to a Jesuit school, St Xavier's. Urdu was his mother tongue; In Custody hased on Anita Desai's novel which he also directed, was a hymn to the language of the Muslim culture of north India.

Brought up on melodramatic Hindi films and American musicals, he was 19 and a student at New York University when he first saw Nouwelle Vague and Satyajit Ray films. (Merchant-Ivory have now restored Ray's films, long neglected and almost de-stroyed by the climate in India.) In New York he added "Merchant" as a surname and, while still a student, shot - in one weekend - his first 14-minute film, which was nominated for an Oscar.

n 1961 he read The Householder by Ruth Prawer Jhabvala. "I put it in my diary: this will be my first feature film"." He had not yet met Ruth (he pronounces it Root) or James "but it was destiny". Saeed Jaffrey introduced Merchant to Ivory, and the two have been together ever since, sharing a house at Claverack in upstate New York: Ivory elegant and finely hewn, like his name: Merchant excitable and hard-selling, like his.

"Ismail believes there are 90 minutes in every hour and 110

They call him a wizard. When his star was arrested days before the filming of The Guru, Ismail got him out of jail. When the cast of Heat and Dust were feeling disgruntled and underpaid, Ismail had a palace opened up and prepared a lavish picnic. "As Nehru said, don't tell me about problems, only solutions. If the day dawns black with rain when you need a blue sky, wringing your hands and saying 'it was written' is no good. See adversity as a blessing in disguise. As For-ster said, 'Only connect!'

Like many An-glophile outsiders, he finds the British 'Ismail inhibited by mod-esty and self-deprebelieves cation. Invited on to a radio prothere gramme to discuss Nicola Resuman's are 90 E. M. Porster biography, he became minutes in enraged when "an uptight academic" every hour questioned the need for another life of Forster. "I

said you should be lionising Forster, naming streets after him, he has had nine Oscars! Why not change your character, and be proud? People come to England from outside to take your history, your literature, your actors and technicians, why not enrich and respect the people who have given so much to the rest the world? Vanessa Redgrave - this country should provide her with money, wealth, gold. You neglect her! How many countries can say that they have a

/anessa Redgrave? Working with Jeanne Moreau, Merchant says, was not

that despite storms and scenes, "Ismail's smile has

transformed my life". He tells how he borrowed a brooch for her from Van Cleef & Arpels; stopped the traffic outside the Louvre on a scorching summer afternoon; and took over the Place de la Concorde and shot the Occupation of Paris (for The Proprietor) and the same day. "Who else could do that?" he beams.

Ever since Merchant and Ivory got their first award for speare Wallah, in 1966. in Paris. Merchant has longed to have a home base there.

Several Parisbased films later (Quartet. Mr and Mrs Bridge, Jefferson in Paris) he made an honorary citizen of Paris, along with Ivory and Jeanne Moreau. Merchant has signed up at the Sorbonne to learn French - a student in his 60th

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imagine? One should prolong education all your life." He says he is not rich; it is such a struggle to get the money even after a film is a success. "The exhibitors, who get the cash at the box office, hold on to it for 45-60 days, then they pay the distributors - who may pay you after several months. But what starts on a film set with actors. crew and screenplay, can end in a courtroom with lawyers, auditors and affidavits. One virtually has to become an assassin to get the money."

Ten years ago, in Channel 4's film examining the way the Merchant-Ivory-Prawer

James Ivory said simply: "If we decide between the three of us that a film is going to get made, it gets made. Our films reflect the strands of all our lives, the places we live and the people we encounter." Hence their cross-cultural products. "Look at our themes," Merchant says. "Why do we do Henry James, Jean Rhys, Formen in India, Americans in

he pleasure is working with friends, at full creativity under your own control. We are in that lucky position. Our purpose is not to get rich but to make movies with talent and passion, that people will

respond to and talk about for a long time ... and that's why, despite the madness, we go on making movies."

Madhur Jaffrey, Merchant Ivory star and rival cook ("I call her the second best," he says), made supper for him in what order of magnititude Paris the other day. In his recipe book Indian Cuisine,

friends write of the flair and inspiration with which he concocts feasts in splendid marquees with lashings of iced champagne, I recall seeing Daniel Day-Lewis, Helena Bonham Carter and Co descend on his canapes at the party he threw after A Room with a View. Then there are the gifts he hands out: Tiffany pens, silk Nehru shirts shipped from Bombay. After the shooting of The Proprietor, at a banquet at the Plaza Hotel in New York, the screenwriter George Trow gave a toast: "To the most wonderful human being in the world." And Ismail, being Ismail, stood up with a broad smile and said: "That's me."

# A whiff of the ocean, a call from the wild

Simon Barnes rejoices in the cormorant, the bird anglers despise

touch of utter wildness to the most prissy and civilised of spots. Most days, I pass an ornamental lake set in the grounds of a stately home: the sort of thing Bertie Wooster would fall into as he escaped from Madeleine Bassett.

A cormorant descends and assumes the pose of a vulture. Stands as sentinel to the waters: cruciform, black wings spread to dry. And brings with him a whiff of open ocean, a sense of the untamed, a call from the wilderness.

This time of year, they gather at dusk on naked trees and gossip and quar-rel and feed and roost and assume heraldic poses in that special spreadeagled cormorantine way. They ly comical, slightly sinister. And a whiz at fishing.

Their feathers have a special adaptation: they work the opposite way to most birds. They rekeep hold of the water. For a cormorant, water does not flow like water off a duck's back. It is ballast. it is their diver's weight-belt. Cormorants swim low in the water. not terribly bouyant, and that means they can get down deep and fast.

rants eat fish, and fishermen, cheered on by the Angling Times, are shooting them. Illegally: but few people take wildlife laws seriously. Fishing people blame cormorants for killing fish. The cormo-

Blaming fish-cating cormorants for depleting fish stocks seems obvious, and shooting and fishing folk have a taste for the obvious. But their logic is like this every time you find trouble, you find journalists. So if you kill all the journalists, you won't get any trouble. Ecology is the science of how the various bits of the world fit together. Complex? It is not that we still don't know how many species there are in the world: we don't even know on

to compute them. Cormorants and fish are just two components of a vast series of interlocking systems, all of which start with the power of the sun and end up with the top predator.

affected fish stocks, so what? Cormorants are part of British life. They have come inland in recent vears, not because there is a plague of them, but because there is food. The gossip around the roosts has obviously been passed on: plenty of good food

rants have always been inland as well as marine birds. The Stuart kings used to swim cormorants after fish, in the manner of the Chinese, and they employed a cormorant-keeper.

Subsequently, drainage and pollution destroyed much of our inland waters: but since the war, new waters have been created. Many began as pits for gravel extraction, to feed motorway mania. These have created chains of



The slightly sinister cormorant

lakes, and many of these have been enthusiastically stocked with fish at artificially high levels. Thus cormorants are reclaiming their inheritance.

People involved in the on as if they were the only people who understood the countryside and its creatures. But the fact of the matter is that they haven't got a clue.

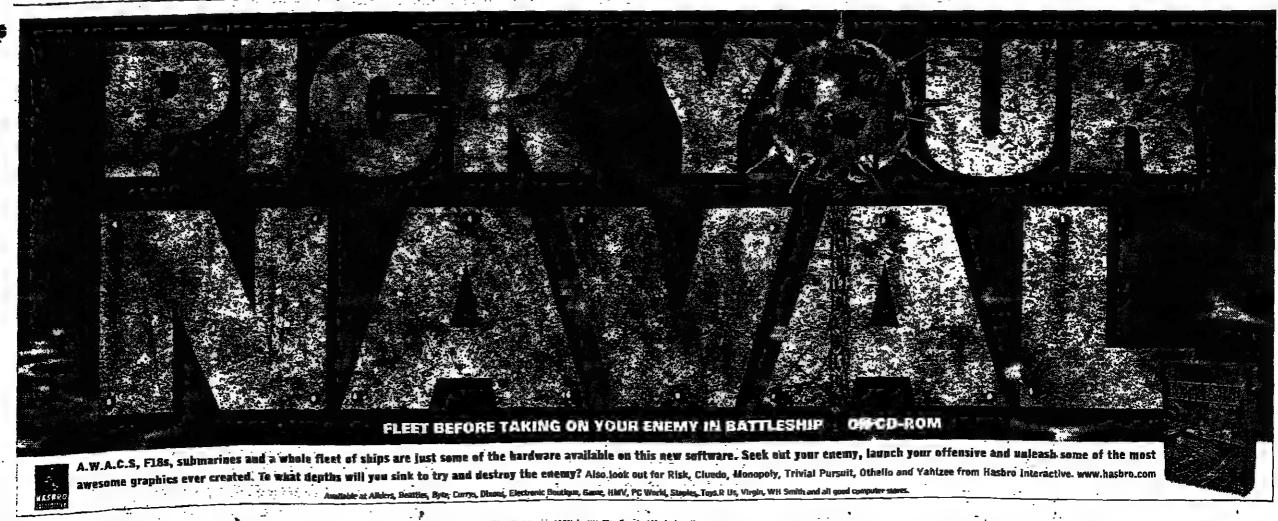
They also talk about how much they love the open spaces. But the true delight of wilderness is the atavistic sense of sharing a planet with our fellow-beasts. The world was not built purely for human convenience, still less for human recreation. Such wilderness as we have left must be shared. And we must share our lakes with our connorants. And anyway, it is a poor soul that cannot rejoice in a commorant in the black spreadeagled silhouette of cormorant hanging itself out to dry.

SECTION TWO

Diana Ross renews her love affair with Britain

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### Philip Howard



Rage, whether on the road or off, is the deadliest sin of all

oad rage is no joke. The young man who was stabbed 15 times and then had his throat cut, for the enormity of overtaking another car, was the fifth death by road rage this year. What more could his butchers have done if he had committed a graver provocation? I resolve to keep myself or myself and the windows closed whenever I am driven in a car. In Athens, city of tinchariot rage, to raise one's right palm in grateful salute to another motorist is the equivalent of two fingers in English. So when an alien woman driver makes the provocative gesture in Omonia Square in an attempt to signal thanks, the traffic hoots to a halt and turns into the Trojan War.

Now it is possible that our beloved monster the motor car brings out the beast in us. In a similar rage of frustration, rats are said to start eating each other if they are crowded in a laboratory tailback. Perhaps, cocooned in our private cubicles of metal and glass, we think of other road-users as aliens through the screen of a video game, to be zapped. The alliterative phrase "road rage" is only two years old. But it is neither a new offence nor a modern condition.

For rage is the deadliest of the seven deadly sins. Sloth can be a virtue, gluttony may be a vice, lust is the motor of human survival, a good kind of pride is a cement survival, a good sind of pride is a cement of civil society. But rage is the hot opposite of envy and avarice, and it can be even madder and more destructive than those cold sins. Not for nothing do its etymological roots grow out of madness. Not for nothing does *Prison Patter*, the dictionary of prison slang published today, give almost as many words for "to go into one" (get into a violent rage) as it has for Dr Whos (screws) and woofters (also rhyming slang). For rage is a condition of the criminal and uneducated (not exclusively). Those who cannot control their tempers should never be licensed to control the simpler machinery of

n his guided tour of Hell, Dante looked on sinners more in sorrow than in anger. Some of them, such as Paolo and Francesca, and Dante's old "tutor", the bugger Bruno Latini, turn into tragic heroes, as Satan became the doomed hero of Paradise Lost. But the vilest punishment, continually being dunked in slurry, is reserved for the bad-tempered. And Dante makes his only gloating remark to Virgil: "Master, I should really like to see that man [Filippo Argenti] pushed down into the soup before we get away from the lake." Filippo is, and he bites into his own flesh in rage. Dante must have hated him. For he earns another mention in Paradise: To anyone who shrinks from it, but like a lamb / To anyone who shows his teeth, or his purse." In the *Decameron*, Boccaccio sums Filippo up as "more foul-tempered than any

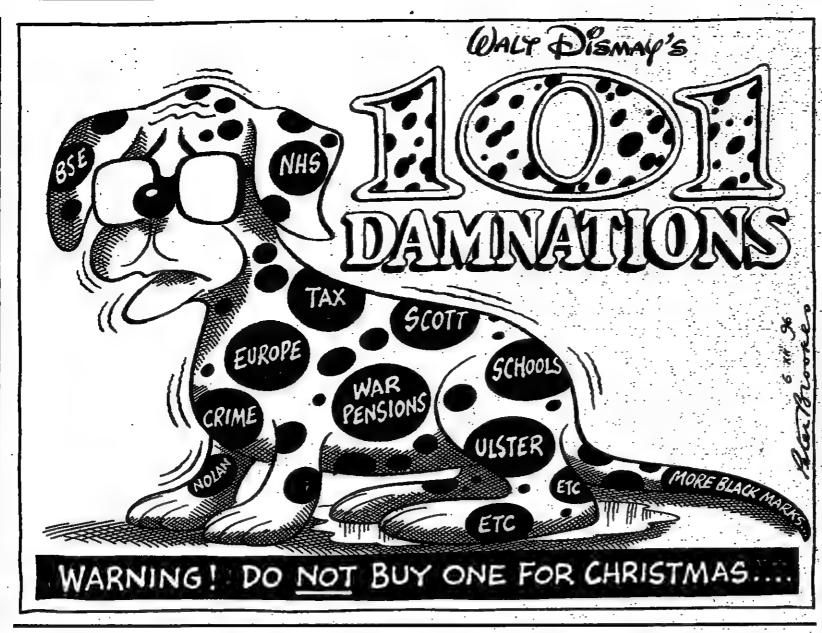
other citizen of Florence".

Rage is the primeval sin of the Old Testament, epic and tragedy. Without insane rage there would be no King Lear, Winter's Tale or Cymbeline. Rage is the secondary tragic flaw of both Othello and of Hamlet (when he sticks poor old Polonius in the arras). Rage is the theme as well as the first word in the Iliad. Pope tinkled the rage of Achilles, "Nor yet the Rage his boiling Breast for sook." This strikes an echo from Bottom's very tragical mirth: ". . . with bloody blameful blade, / He bravely broach'd his

boiling bloody breast."

Because of rage, Hippolytus was torn to pieces by runaway horses. Hercules and Agamemnon went mad with it. "Angry Young Men" was an inexact label for ami-Establishment writers. There was much more to them than rage. But John Osborne, Kingsley Amis and (you could say, if you must) Colin Wilson made art out of anger and characters who were angry. So did Evelyn Waugh.

But although anger can make art, there is no excuse for rage in life or on the road. Abraham Lincoln wrote furious letters when angry. He had a good time writing them and it made him feel better. Then he burnt the raging letter and wrote another. Rage is the most inhuman of sins. The fact that it is "road rage" does not diminish its nastiness or the responsibility.



# Hitler's martial Jews

hen will the Holocaust be the Holocaust, in all its terrible meaning and no more? When will professors stop finding a new "angle" on something that can never have an angle? When will the dreadful fools and madmen who prove that there was no Holocaust (I have just got another pamphlet saying as much), stop hating and even stop being mad?

Never, I fear, but I have long ago

given up trying to convince fools and professors that my nose is of standard British length and width and no more. Wearily, I shrug, and say, yes, I am a Jew, and no, no member of my family died in the Holocaust. And, just to clinch it, no - my name has always been Levin, and never Featherstonhaugh-Golightly.

Now then. What would you say if Adolf Hitler were on his throne and the Holocaust was in full blast, but Hitler's ranks, but personally enlist-ing in those ranks. Not just to find a place that the Nazis might not spot, but with full intent to take part in the war on Hitler's side? It sounds lunatic and in a sense it was. But

It seems that those Jewish Germans who enlisted voluntarily and made efforts to remain in uniform even after their Jewish origins came under scrutiny by the authorities were allowed to do so, Indeed, some rose to high rank and several won some rose to high rank and several won
the Rimerkreux, the Knight's Cross of the
Iron Cross, Germany's highest military
decoration, awarded to fighter aces, Uboat captains and tank destroyers. They
performed their feats of bravery at the
height of the war, when the Nazi state was
murdering German Jews in hundreds of
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Only they can explain why they chose the path they did, and all are now old or already dead.

These almost unbelievable facts were dug up by a young American student, Bryan Rigg, who, in a chance meeting, was to reveal some of the most extraordinary true stories of the Second World War. Rigg did not even know, before he began his studies in this fascinating story, that he was of German-Jewish ancestry, but be-lieved his family was of the Protestant Bible-belt, and among his amazements were the members of his family who had stayed in Germany and died in the

Jewish and part-Jewish soldiers fought for the Third Reich. What did they think they were doing? We shall never know

And now, with this extraordinary story at our elbows, we are tempted to believe that the whole thing is, and must be, a hoax. But it isn't. It is not only true, from top to bottom, it is terrible. Terrible, you say? Just glance at one headline (the story broke in The Daily Telegraph), reading "Why men of Jewish blood shed it for Adolf Hitler". Answer that.

I can't. Nor can anybody else. I am a Jew, and thus to be hated by Nazis; very well, I understand that, and shrug. But Mr Rigg has not just found a cache of

pointed a dagger at some of the newly known facts of the Holocaust, and - well, let me say it again: "Why men of Jewish blood shed it for Adolf Hitler". For they did, they did, they did. Have you ever heard

of Major Robert Borchardt? No? Nor had I until very recently. He was a half-lew, and a very brave man, and a very great fighter on Hitler's side. He did not commit atrocities, nor did he allow them in his units. He fought in Russia, in Rommel's Afrika Korps, and he was strewn with medals. Not long before he died, he spoke to the children of his old school, and this is what he said: "Many German Jews and half-Jews who fought in the First World War and even in the Second World War believed that they should honour their Fatherland by serving in the military." And many of

But what I want to know, and I imagine many others want to know. is what did Jews think they were doing when they were fighting for Hitler? Take the remarkable story — a perfectly true story — of the way Rabbi Schneerson was saved from the Nazis. The rabbi was the leader of the most ultraorthodox Jews, and when the war broke he was trapped, and very likely to be killed by Hitler. There was a plea from

the United States to let the Rabbi Schneerson go. It was touch and go; but then another German Jew, fighting in the war on the side of Hitler, took a

hand: he was a very high officer, Ernst Bloch, who had fought in the First World War, and Schneerson was saved. And saved in the most macabre manner imaginable. Admiral Canaris recruited Bloch, and then Hitler made the world go round the other way; with a half-lew staring him in his face. Hitler read the appropriate document; "I, Adolf Hitler, leader of the German nation, approve Major Ernst Bloch to be

> war, Ernst Bloch will he re-evalumed to see if he is still worthy to have such a title." (Who said Hitler was But still the question

must be asked and answered, why men of Jewish blood shed it for Adolf Hitler.

Most of those men are now dead, and the dead cannot speak. If they could speak, what might they say? There would be many who would say "I didn't know - how could I know? The whole world was there, and nobody knew nobody knew what that man called Hitler would do to the world and millions upon millions."

ot enough. Not enough. You, the ones who were there, could see. Oh no, very few indeed could have guessed the whole of the madness (though even that could have been spotted and was by the tiny number who could read Mein Kampf from beginning to end), but that was not enough.

Very well, not enough. What next? We must try to think into the minds of the survivors, and what they did and what lies they told. There is a very old man, 82 and failing, who has asked for anonymity; he shall have it. But he says that he served 6½ years in Hitler's military, and became a captain. Presumably he

drew the curtains when a Nazi went by.
That's small fry. What about a real field marshal, a good friend of Goering and indeed a very important figure in the Nazi camp, for it was he who made the Luftwaffe the tremendous thing it became. That was Field Marshal Milch. and he was a Jew. But a field marshal, surely, should know better. And so should a Jew.

Surely should? Did. Did. We come back to where we started. But not quite. For we now know the massive quantities of horror that poured out of Bryan Rigg's find. (It was luck, of a kind: he had just come out of a cinema and started to chat to another cinema-goer, a: German, whereupon they began to speak, and the other man spoke of his life, whereupon "they talked until dawn". I bet they did.)

We come back to where we started yet.

again. What were real Jews or even half-Jews (and there were many of these) doing with Adolf Hitler? True, were people who saw through Hitler very quickly, but were sure that he would be a busted flush in no time. Well, he wasn't, and in the end the blood poured copiously. And there was no shortage of important people; Helmut Schmidt, who became the Chancellor of West Germany for eight years, had when somewhat younger been very much in the wrong place.

This is yet another question that cannot be answered unless the dead rise from the grave to give the answers. It would be dreadful to say that the dead deserved what they got, because they didn't. Again, we hear the terrible words - how could we have known?

Perhaps the most pitiful or most deserved - you can take it either way -- is that of Milch, the one who was "a personal friend of Hermann Goering". And instantly the thunder rolls; how does a Jew become a personal friend of Hermann Goering, and more to the point, why is he prepared to be one in the

Milch was tried and convicted in the Nuremberg war trials; his Jewishness did not help him, and he was imprisoned for ten years. But again and again, we ask the question, the question that cannot be answered. What was a Jew, or a half-Jew, doing with Adolf Hitler? God forbid that I should take sides in such a dreadful argument. It is enough that almost all the people concerned are now dead: But if they came to life, would they not instantly go back into the shades?

# The soul of society in action

Michael Howard unveils the Philip

Lawrence Awards

his Sunday's memorial service will mark the first anniversary of the death of Philip Lawrence, the headteacher murdered at the gates of his London school. His brutal death shocked the nation, but the courage and dignity with which his widow has responded to the tragedy has been an inspiration. In this newspaper on October 21, Frances Lawrence set out her manifesto for the nation. It touched the conscience of many, reminding us of the im-portance of individual morality, of citizenship, of strong families and strong communities. It won widespread and impassioned support.

I was not surprised by this response.

This country has a strong spirit of good citizenship. Self-reliance has always been part of the national character, but so too has the desire to help others. The nation's generosity of spirit is demon-strated frequently. And as well as giving monty, ordinary men and women of all ages choose to give their time and effort for the benefit of others. This country has around 23 million regular volunteers. I have met many people who give their time in this way — Neighbourhood Watch organisers, community volun-teers, special constables, young people involved in crime prevention work. Their selfless actions go to the heart of

good citizenship.

But the ideal of citizenship involves even more than helping others in practical ways, it involves commitment to the nation's moral health. This means setting an example, praising what is good without cynicism, and condemning what is bad without equivocation. Nowhere is this more important than in raising children. There is no greater influence for good than giving the young a sound moral framework for their lives.

in a free society we do not always agree on every moral question. People may disagree over details. And people of conscience with different religious and cultural backgrounds may hold different views on some points. But part of being a nation is sharing basic moral values. Many of these were set out in Mrs Lawrence's manifesto: abhorrence of violence, the importance of the family, the value of respect for the moral and physical guardians of our young. And the imperative of giving children the best possible start in life.

ving our children the best does not mean just providing all comforts. It means bringing families and helping them to develop fully into moral agents. It also means setting them a challenge. We should encourage, in the words of Mrs Lawrence, their effort, earnestness and excellence. By encouraging a child to take responsibility for himself, we help inculcate a sense of responsibility for others. By developing a child's selfrespect, we help him to learn respect for others. As G.K. Chesterton put it, "educpasses from one generation to another.

Regeneration has to start with the individual. The application of the law cannot be a substitute for the individnal's sense of moral responsibility. Nor can the words of politicians or religious leaders, however deeply felt, take the place of individual morality.

Government alone cannot meet the challenge set by Frances Lawrence, but the lead it gives is important. That is why the Government is determined to do what it can to translate her manifesto into practical proposals. In The Times on October 22, I announced that we would establish an annual award in Mr Lawrence's memory. This will mark outstanding achievement in citizenship by young people who have helped society through such activities as tackling bullying or taking a stand

against drugs.

I plan to launch the award scheme in March. This will highlight examples of good citizenship by young people, illus-trating the sort of achievement worthy of an award. We will then seek nominations and make the first awards in December 1997, on the second anniver-

sary of Philip Lawrence's death.

The Government has cross-party support for the Philip Lawrence Memorial Awards, and many organisations, such as the Association of Chief Police Officers, the Citizenship Foundation, the Commission for Racial Equality, Community Service Volunteers, Crime Concern, the Prince's Trust and Youth Clubs
UK have given heepful advice. It is
important that the awards complement
the various award and grant schemes
already in existence.
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youth groups to help us develop my proposals further. I hope that many will

respond with support and ideas.

The awards are designed to highlight the achievements of young people who demonstrate outstanding citizenship. and to encourage others to follow their example. Too often we hear about the crimes and misdemeanours of young people, the bad manners of children, the apathy of youth. But this picture is misleading. Most young people are law-abiding. Most have a strong moral sense. And very many are actively

involved in voluntary work, trying to improve the lives of those around them. The Phillip Lawrence Memorial awards will commemorate the life of an inspirational mans They will commend young people who exemplify the civic virtues that Philip Lawrence encouraged and inculcated during his life's work. I PHS hope the scheme will play a part in helping to raise the next generation of good critizens.

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# Clive live

A CHARMING MAN, Clive Anderson, the TV presenter and barrister - so the schoolmarmish Heritage Secretary Virginia Bottomley thought when she sat next to him at a recent gala dinner hosted by the BBC.

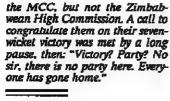
Mrs B joined such swoony BBC types as Peter Sissons and John Birt at the event; Anderson seemed a convivial dining companion. But Virginia had to leave early for a vote in the House of Commons. At which point Anderson let rip.

His wife, Jane, had worked as a consultant at Bart's Hospital in London, an institution which Bottomley decided to close when she was Health Secretary. Anderson started cracking jokes: "If you want treatment, you should wrap yourself in a fur coat and ask for Rolf Harris," he laughed, referring to the Australian's television show about animal doctors.

He was in full flow — "If you

want to get an X-ray, it's quicker to go down to Heathrow than to hospital" — when back into the room and into earshot walked Mrs B a disappointed woman.

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"Illegal pensioners coming ashore on Torquay beach"



old boyfriend, the critic David Sexton, who considered himself maligned in Craig's sulphuric por-trait of literary London, A Vicious

At the delayed launch of the book on Wednesday evening, she said crime writer friends had offered to supply the names of outof-work SAS men should the need arise: "You know, if things get really tricky ... she says, making a slicing motion across her neck.

 Votes are in for the annual government special adviser beauty contest, and the winner is . . . Andrew Honnor, Virginia Bottom-leys man. Tall, dark and com-pletely au fait with the National Lottery, Honnor won particular support over at the Department of Transport. No one can recall such simmering sexuality among the special advisers since the days

of David "Treat Me" Ruffley, now

the Tory candidate for Bury St Edmunds, and formerly special adviser to Kenneth Clarke. "Fantastic," Ruffley is said to have roared when he moved with his boss from Health to the Home Office. Home will be great for my pulling power."

### Left hook

JOY JOHNSON has struck back at Labour. The party's former director of communications, who resigned acrimoniously last year. writes scathingly in this week's New Statesman of the mess Labour found itself in this summer over its Scottish referendum plans.



Honnor: fancied man

The sort of Eton-cropped blande capable of laddering tights with her stare, Miss Johnson says, "It is a tale of dramatic changes in tac-tics, a tale of the party leadership's back of openness with its footsoldiers". Then, with another swipe at the

party high-ups with whom she found it impossible to work, she adds: "The strain of authoritarianism of which the leadership is accused mas through all levels of the party."

• After ousting Sir Nicholas Scott, Tories in Kensington and Chelsea are faced with the spectre. of Winston Churchill, MP for Daryhulme. No mare convenient a moment for Churchill to sound off about war pensions and their cutbacks could have arisen. His seat disappears in the boundary changes and he has been rejected by virtually everybody. K & C, stuffed full of colonels and war widows, may be his last chance.

### No match

PORGET Knightsbridge and Notting Hill, Britain's fashion centre these days is Gloucestershire, home turf of the Blows. Where it. used to feature a twee young girl in pearls, Country Life this week has a picture of Selina Blow, designer, gazing out over her family acres,



dressed in one of her trademark velvet jackets, a tall Mister Man style purple hat and unmatching

Miss Blow, the grand-daughter of the architect Detmar Blow is the sister-in-law of Issy Blow, stylist entraordinaire and known to Princess Margaret as "Hiaaat" on account of her eclectic headwear. As to the comundrum of Miss Blow's odd shoes, it turns out, sadly, that they are not a Christmas fashion statement. When the photographer arrived, she simply couldn't find a matching pair:



### A LABOUR EUROPE

Blair still evades Major's grasp - and Brussels is helping

Next week's Dublin summit will demonstrate to the public what negotiators already know. The inter-governmental conference (IGC) to review the Maastricht treaty is proceeding, deliberately, at a snail's pace. The United Kingdom's partners in the European Union are determined to avoid any showdown with Britain before the general election.

The greatest fear in Brussels is that over the coming months the Labour Party will rush to join John Major in any foxhole which the Prime Minister decides to occupy, thus limiting its post-electoral freedom of manoeuvre. On the assumption of a Labour victory, officials are therefore trying to keep the foxholes undug, allowing Tony Blair to enter the final peace talks having made as few electoral commitments as possible and with maximum flexibility as a consequence.

The Dutch, who take over from Ireland next month and were originally expected to conclude the IGC negotiations, are hinting that because it would not be fair to expect Mr Blair to reach a final IGC deal within weeks of taking over, the entire timetable for a revised treaty might be set back by months for Britain's benefit. The IGC text circulated to governments yesterday by the Irish presidency is consistent with this waiting game. It does not pretend to be a draft treaty; it is notable for what it leaves out; and it is even more notable for the phrase that runs through it like a religious mantra - "to be dealt with at a later stage".

Noel Dorr, Ireland's IGC chairman, blandly claims that too little progress has been made even to attempt a synthesis of views on such contentious areas as the extension of qualified majority voting and the right of each country to have a EU. Commissioner. The main exception, the proposal to centralise control over visa, asylum and immigration policies, will encounter solid British resistance. But it will not open up a Conservative-Labour rift, because this is one of the few areas on which

agrees with the Government that these are issues for sovereign states.

Despite Tory tauntings, Labour may even be able to avoid committing itself on the draft chapter that would commit EU governments to coordinate their employment policies. The Irish text is careful to refer to broad objectives, instead of setting explicit targets for getting people back to work.

From beginning to end runs the theme that deeper integration is a precondition for EU enlargement, Britain is identified in paragraph after paragraph as the grit in the federalist wheel. Mr Major needs to force Labour into the open on what its position will be on these items that are asterisked provisional, marked to be discussed or merely summarise disagreements. Mr Blair will try to continue with his stock response that the questions are, for now, hypothetical.

Labour's only formal position paper on the IGC, published some 14 months ago, does contain prisoners for the Prime Minister to take. It still stands, for example, by the revealing phrase: "we reject perma-nent opt-outs". Where then does it stand on Britain's opt-out on economic and monetary union? Is it destined, under Labour, as those words suggest, to be strictly temporary?

But Labour also presents a frustrating target for Mr Major. The Shadow Cabinet is in a state of deep denial over Europe. It cannot face bothering with any EU business that it does not expect to be a "wedge issue" in next year's election campaign. It was only because the referendum on a single currency was judged to be such an issue that Labour belatedly matched the Tory pledge.

The IGC, about which there will be much fuss in the coming week, is not, of course, where the stakes are highest. The countries intending to join EMU in 1999 are making Europe's most important constitutional moves. As our Economics Editor argues on page 29, the proposed EMU stability pact could be as politically destructive as were the war reparations exacted from Germany Labour has not only spelt out its position but under the Treaty of Versailles.

### **CLINTON'S CHOICES**

The President has taken risks with his foreign policy team

After a painful period of public indecision, President Clinton has decided upon the officials who will guide US foreign policy during his second term. His choice of Senator William Cohen, a Republican, as Defence Secretary will be applauded. The selection of Samuel Berger, currently Deputy National Security Adviser, to fill the top position there represents continuity. The Central Intelligence Agency will not regard the arrival of Anthony Lake as Director with much enthusiasm but the CIA, largely deprived of a function since the Cold War's demise, is in distinct decline. Most attention will fall on the elevation of Madeleine Albright, currently US Permanent Representative to the United Nations, to the post of Secretary of State.

Ms Albright has been a controversial figure at the UN. Her highly abrasive manner has caused difficulties with America's allies as well as her foes. The appointment will be regarded as the triumph of one of the most improbable partnerships in American political history: that between Hillary Clinton, the liberalinclined First Lady, and Senator Jesse Helms, the ultra-conservative Republican Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Mrs Clinton supported Ms Albright largely because of her gender. The North Carolina Senator is an admirer of her undiplomatic style.

The new Secretary of State will bring great energy to her portfolio. Inevitably though she will be seen as a political creature of the President rather than an independent figure in her own right. Had Mr Clinton picked either former Senator George Mitchell or outgoing Senator Sam Nunn that would not have been the case. Both men had been respected leaders in Congress, commanding bi-partisan respect in Washington and thus stant attention abroad. Ms All be regarded with much more suspicion. Furthermore, her selection looks curious considering the emphasis that the President placed on economics during his recent Asian tour. Even her most ardent admirers would not count international trade as one of her strong points.

Ms Albright is not a uniquely unusual choice. Dean Rusk and William Rogers, who served under Presidents Kennedy and Nixon, were almost unknown to Congress and most citizens of the United States before assuming their portfolio. John Foster Dulles, under Dwight Eisenhower, and Alexander Haig, for Ronald Reagan, were bombastic characters for friend and foe alike. Nonetheless, Ms Albright will have to deal with the perception that she has won the most senior post in American international relations for reasons more related to Washington politics than the wider world. She must overcome that assumption to be effective on the global stage.

Either by accident or design the President's decisions may contain the broader message that he intends to be rather more actively engaged in foreign policy in his second term. That has often been true of reelected Presidents, especially those whose domestic style is cramped by a hostile Congress. In that case, Mr Clinton could have decided that loyalty to him personally was the supreme requirement of his surrogates. But for the world, the price is continued uncertainty about what the next four years will bring.

### **MUSEUM OF FIRE**

Why the scholars need at least a few accountants

To all friends of the British Museum among whom The Times certainly counts itself - Andrew Edwards's management report, detailed on page six today, must be deeply disturbing. Just as people are often most deeply hurt by those they know best, institutions too are most vulnerable to those who understand which slight or sally will worst wound them. If the British Museum had hired a management consultant to advise on how to deal with its financial deficit, their inquiry might have reached similar conclusions. But the language might have been more brutal and more easily dismissed as unworthy.

Mr Edwards is a retired senior Treasury official; he sees all too well how the public service works. Although his feelings are restrained and his voice is nowhere raised, he was all too plainly appalled by what he found. His accumulation of implied disapproval leaves an umambiguous impression of how one of the world's most prized cultural collections has been managed. When Mr Edwards remarks almost in passing that "the Museum does not at present employ any qualified accountants", the implications of this observation take a few extra moments to sink in. When Mr Edwards says that the Museum's information technology for financial control is "a huge impediment to progress", he leaves the reader to guess whether he found officials

using abacuses, Victorian cash registers or simply a hotch-potch of modernity.

The desperate urgency that pervades the Edwards report is more important than its detailed conclusions. Condensed and translated out of polite Whitehall language, Mr Edwards might be summarised thus: "Pay attention in Bloomsbury! Time and money are short. Your aims are muddled. Your management structure and culture looks outdated even by the standards of the Pharaohs. Your scholar-curators are proliferating and out of control. Most of the world's great museums - and you are the greatest of all -- charge an entrance fee and you will do the same unless you can come up with a better money-raising idea. But I have not found many people with that sort of fire and firmness in this building so far."

The Museum slipped Mr Edwards's report into the public domain last month. hoping that "constructive discussion" would ensue, but also disagreeing over the need to impose entrance charges. The only public discussion to date has been a predictable slanging match over the charges issue. If the Museum's staff feel that Mr Edwards is unfair, let them say so. They would demonstrate that Great Russell Street was in boisterous health. If they cannot do so, change must quickly come. When the Museum's trustees meet this weekend, they must ensure that this message is grasped.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### When the police exceed their brief

From Mr Stanley Best

Sir, You quote today a chief detective inspector as stating that he will "investigate what legal steps could be taken" to increase the two-year sentence on the two girls convicted of the manslaughter of Louise Allen.

The officer should be reminded that the police have no responsibility for appealing sentences. It is for the Attorney-General, not the police, to consider whether a sentence is unduly le-

Police officers of all ranks must resist the temptation to conduct "investigations" of this kind or to express themselves as "extremely disappointed" (or otherwise) at verdict or sentence. Their duty is to prevent crime, to detect what they cannot prevent, and to bring those charged to court - subject to the power of the Crown Prosecution Service which may elect not to proceed.

Yours faithfully, STANLEY BEST As from: Bracton Chambers, 95a Chancery Lane, WC2 December 3.

From Mr Michael B. Ward

Sir. I was surprised at the Police Complaints Authority's decision not to proceed with disciplinary action against the two police officers who arrested a Nigerian asylum seeker, Mr Oluwashijibomi Lapite (News in

brief, December 3). Mr Lapite died after having been placed in a neck-lock during a strug-gle and one of the police officers admitted at the inquest that he had kicked Lapite in the head, albeit in selfdefence.

In the same edition of the paper you report "Police protest as girls get two years for fatal kicking". In this instance two girls, aged 12 and 13 at the time of the attack, pleaded guilty to the manslaughter of a third young girl after deliberately kicking her about the head.

Whilst I would not condone the actions of the girls, I would suggest that, at such an age, they may not have been fully aware of the fatal consequences that could result from their violent actions. The same could hardly be said of police officers - even though, as in the Lapite incident, they were the attacked rather than the

Yours, with deep M. WARD, 113 Goodhart Way, West Wickham, Kent.

### Divided Ireland

From Mr David W. Bleakley

Sir. You are right to remind Tony Biair that a Labour government "would be preoccupied by Ulster too"

(leading article, December 2).

Mr Blair's fellow socialists in Northern Ireland wish him well and are anxious to help; but we can best do so only when we are given the right to join the British Labour Party. Mr Blair could do himself and the

people of Northern Ireland a great deal of good by persuading his party to reverse its ban on membership by citizens from the region. Such action would also remove a piece of discrimi-nation which should have no place within a truly modern Labour Party.

Yours sincerely DAVID BLEAKLEY (Minister of Community Relations. Stormont, 1972). 8 Thornhill, Bangor, Co Down. December 3.

From Mr M. G. Harman

Sir, Your leader of November 29, "Major's commitment", says that the IRA ceasefire must stop "all military operations - including training, restocking of terrorist arsenals, punishment beatings, and preparatory sur-

When did punishment beatings become accepted as military operations?

Yours sincerely, MICHAEL HARMAN, Holmwood, 37 Upper Park Road, Camberley, Surrey. December 1.

### A choral composer

From Dr Edward Higginbottom

Sir, Your obituary of Bernard Rose (November 30) is an engaging picture of a remarkable figure in British musical life. It is perhaps a little light on his accomplishment as a composer. In the choral field few have shown his degree of sensitivity to the medium: his setting of the evening responses will endure alongside those of Byrd, and few have written works of such exquisite poise as his Feast Song for St Cecilia.

We sang this in New College Chapel on St Cecilia's Day, only hours afier Rose's death. It served beyond any words to remind us what his craft and inspiration have bequeathed to British choral music.

Yours faithfully, EDWARD HIGGINBOTTOM (The Organist and Tutor in Music), New College, Oxford.

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### Tory policy on museum funding

From the Minister of State. Department of National Heritage

Sir, The perception that the British Museum's financial difficulties are entirely due to a decline in government funding and to the moving of the British Library to St Pancras (letters, November 21, 25, 28, December 2) is not supported by an independent report commissioned by the Trustees of the British Museum itself, and made publicly available by them last month.

That report identifies a number of causes over many years, and recommends essential improvements to the organisational structure, management and efficiency of the museum, to strengthen its financial position ("Are we pressing the wrong Buttons?". Arts, November 30).

It is misleading to suggest, as Isabel Carlisle does (The case for free museums", November 28), that "the pattern of allocation of funds to national museums and galleries" reveals that "the Government intends to end the principle of free admission". This is simply not the case.

Since the last general election, out of the total sum granted to national museums and galleries, the share given by the Government to the non-charging museums has in fact increased. The allocations announced in last week's Budget will see their share

grow further over the coming three years.

In deciding allocations this year, we have protected the funding of those who have benefited less from recent settlements and have made greater strides in improving their efficiency. We have also directed support towards areas of greater need. It is for this reason that, against all predictions, the Government has agreed to compensate the British Museum in full for the future loss of receipts from the British Library.

Any decision on admission charges will be made by the Trustees of the museum, and not by the Government, The Trustees are appointed to manage the British Museum independent of government, and they are therefore best placed to consider admission arrangements in the light of the museum's unique financial circumstances.

Last July Government published Treasures in Trust, its first review of museums policy in 60 years. Nobody who had read this review, and the radical reforms it proposes, can be in any doubt about the Government's strong commitment to the essential role of museums in our society.

Yours faithfully, LAIN SPROAT, Department of National Heritage, 2-4 Cockspur Street, SWI.

### Selection of UN Secretary-General

From Lord Judd, Senior Fellow of Saferworld

Sir, Amidst all our neurosis about Europe it is easy to forget that Britain is still a major player in the world stakes. As one of only five permanent members of the UN Security Council, Britain has a special responsibility to help lead the debate on the selection of the next UN Secretary-General (leading article, "All at sea", Decem-

You are right to call the present selection process a farce. Initially all we had was the US brandishing its veto. Now a fundamental quality apparently needed for what is the most demanding chief executive's job in the world is to be an African. This is nonsense, every bit as much as it would be if an essential requirement was to be

Angio-Saxon. Ve must not let political posturing blind us. The present dilemma provides a vital opportunity to evaluate the challenges facing the UN and, therefore, the qualities needed in its leader to help the organisation meet

them. Yet this is being missed. The crisis in central Africa has

again demonstrated that the problems of the world today require a global response. The new leader must be able to articulate this and convince member states that isolationism is not in their own interest. Governments need to be shown that

the UN is an organisation worth supporting. This will require a Secretary-General who is a skilful administrator capable of cutting through bureaucracy and assuring member states that their resources will not be lost to self-indulgent officialdom. Fundamentally the Secretary-General must be an inspiring figure capable of eliciting the financial support and the quality of personnel which the UN so badly needs.

Britain's prestigious place on the Security Council demands a lead on these vital issues. If we don't help to provide it, the argument may well grow for us to move over and make way for someone else.

Yours faithfully. FRANK JUDD, Senior Fellow, Saferworld. 3rd Floor, 33-34 Alfred Place, WCI. December 4.

Planning for disaster From Sir John Bielloch

Sir, in a year that has seen major disasters such as those in Dunblane and Manchester as well as the Channel Tunnel fire and oil pollution from the Sea Empress on the Welsh coast, the money local authorities receive towards making adequate response arrangements has again been cut by the Home Office following the Budget. This should be a major cause of concern to the public.

The work of local authority emergency planners is the public's insurance policy for coping when things go wrong. Across the country well rehearsed arrangements, made in close co-operation with all who have a part to play, seek to ensure that an effective response is available at all

times. As recently as 1991-92 the government grant for this work nationwide amounted to £25.1 million. This grant has been eroded year on year, resulting in a figure for 1997-98 of under £15 million. This is less than the Government spends on its entertainment budget.

Cuts of such magnitude inevitably compromise emergency planning activity and jeopardise the effectiveness of the response to future major emergencies. This should be of grave concern to the public, because it is they who stand to suffer the next time disaster strikes.

Yours faithfully. JOHN BLELLOCH (President, Emergency Planning Society). PO Box 9697, London, NW6 4HS. December 2.

### Saving St Pancras From the Director of The Victorian Society

Sir, Lord Ampthill (letter, December 3; see also letter, November 29) rightly draws attention to the time given by Parliament to the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill. However, the "contractually binding undertakings and agreements" with London & Continental Railways (LCR) to which he refers bind them to practically nothing, as far as works to the Grade I St Pancras Station are concerned. The Heritage Agreement, which replaces normal listed building procedures in the Rail Link Bill, is freedom dressed up as control. LCR must consult with English Heritage but in most circumstances can disregard their advice.

No one doubts LCR's good intentions and the potential benefits to St Pancras. But proper safeguards are still essential for a Grade I listed building. If the project were to run into fi-

nancial difficulties, as Eurotunnel did. the temptation to cut corners and skimp on conservation could be irresistible. By then, however, it would be too late. The Government, having all but surrendered its right of final determination, lacks the call-in powers to protect one of the world's finest railway stations.

The rail link is supposed to be a flagship project for the Private Finance Initiative. What this means for conservation is now all too clear. For the Government to deny itself a final say on major works to so important a building is deeply irresponsible. It is an abnegation of the duties of environmental stewardship advocated in its own recent Green Paper, Protecting our Heritage.

Yours faithfully, WILLIAM FILMER-SANKEY. Director.

The Victorian Society, 1 Priory Gardens, Bedford Park, W4. December 4.

### 'Unchristian bickering'

From Mrs Masha Woollard

Sir, Whether or not the painting of Jesus in Bethlehem was shedding real tears (report, November 29), I am sure that Christ himself is indeed weeping over the unchristian bickering between the representatives of the Roman Catholic and Greek Orthodox churches in Israel.

This unholy rivalry shames them, and distresses other Christians in a world where at last we are seeing the beginnings of unity as opposed to denominationalism.

Yours faithfully. MASHA WOOLLARD. 15 Haywards Road, Brighton, East Sussex. November 29.

### School uniforms

From Mr Bryn Giles

Sir. Does the practice of some schools requiring uniforms to be bought from a particular shop, highlighted in your report of November 30, warrant examination by the Office of Fair

Trading? It would seem to me to contain the seeds of some rather squalid little monopolistic situations.

Yours faithfully, BRYN GILES 12 Carmarthen Road, Henleaze, Bristol. December 1.

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### Synod debate on Anglican agenda

From Mr Alan Forward

Sir, Your leading article of November 26. "The Anglican agenda", questions the General Synod's preoccupation with reorganisation at a time when there is enormous public interest in

the moral climate of modern Britain. Contrary to your conclusion, the Church of England must address its internal administration before it can provide moral leadership for the nation. It is the present lack of focus and responsibility which last year enabled one of its many committees to issue the confused report, Something to Celebrate: Valuing Families in Church and Society.

That muddle of morality, disowned by the Archbishop of Canterbury (report, June 5, 1995), would not have been published if the proposed Archbishops' Council had been established

earlier. Yours sincerely ALAN FORWARD. The Lindens, Poyntington, Dorset.

From Professor Grevel Lindop

November 26.

Sir, Now that the Church of England is revising its service of baptism "to give a deeper spiritual sense and more poetic feeling" (report, November 30), prospective godfathers may like to reflect on a modern poet's definition of

their role.

Invited to stand godfather to a friend's child in 1945, Robert Graves noted: "I find that infant baptism is a heathen rite practised by the ancient Welsh and Irish; adult baptism only was practised by the early Christians". But he accepted willingly, commenting:

I think the godfather's job in this modern world is always to be the chap to whom the godchild writes if he or she has got into a real jam and needs to be bailed out, or fished out, of a stew; and with whom he/she goes to stay, uninvited, at times of emodonal crisis (in Broken Images: Se-lected Letters of Robert Graves, 1914-1946.

Not very poetic, nor very orthodox, perhaps; but sound common (and even spiritual) sense.

Yours faithfully, GREVEL LINDOP, The University of Manchester, Department of English Language and Literature. Manchester, M13 9PL. December 1.

From the Provost of Blackburn

Sir, So yet another link between the parish church and the rank-and-file of its parishioners is under scrutiny (letters, November 26, 29). Is anybody asking what our engaged couples think of the possibility of dropping the

calling of banns? It may be that the wording needs to be revised, but surely the need to give welcome and affirmation to those planning a church wedding still remains. In an anonymous world, shy, even non-churchgoing couples com-ing by invitation to "hear their barns" are, in my experience, given a "lift" in those few moments of the service that

are specially for them. I believe that there are still great pastoral opportunities handed to us on a plate in this area of ministry even through what may seem oldfashioned preliminaries. As a Church, we should be making more of these

opportunities and not less. Yours sincerely, DAVID FRAYNE, The Provost's House, Preston New Road, Blackburn, Lancashire.

December 3 From the Reverend Terence Lee

Sir. As the dear old C of E machinates about changing laws and traditions only extant for a few hundred years and therefore fair game, I was reminded of a comment made by a fellow traditionalist about the mayhem caused by the debate about the ordination of women - "ail they want to do is prance around in robes dressed up

Yours, in Domino. TERENCE LEE. 45 Christchurch Road, Reading, Berkshire. December 4.

### Seat of power

From Mr Stanley Martin

Sir. Commenting on the possibility of Sir Nicholas Scott's Commons seat being passed on to Chris Patten, you say (leading article, December 2) that Hong Kong's tradition of appointed members in its legislature is unlikely to be easily imported. Surely, it does not need to be. We have the House of Lords,

Yours faithfully, STANLEY MARTIN, 14 Great Spilmans, Dulwich, SE22. December 3.

### Who's to blame?

From Mr P. J. Underwood

Sir. Should not every child sue their parents for bringing them into this uncertain world and thus exposing them to its hazards? Yours faithfully.

P. J. UNDERWOOD. 18 Edinburgh Close, Ickenham, Uxbridge, Middlesex December 3.

Forthcoming

marriages

Lord Templeman and Mrs S.B. Edworthy The marriage of Lord Templeman and Mrs Sheila Edworthy, widow

of Dr John Edworthy, will take place on December 12 at Exeter.

The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of the

late Mr W.M.S. Cawley, CBE, and of Mrs E.M. Cawley, formerly of Little Common, Sussex, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs

The engagement is announced between Adrian, son of Mrs Grace Garnon, of Widdrington, Nor-

thumberland, and the late Mr

Brian Garnon, and Janie, youn-gest daughter of Mr Alan Sea-ward, of Comrie, Perthshire, and Mrs David Nolan, of Baltons-

and Mile C.C. Delien Holores

The engagement is announced between Jamie, son of Mr and Mrs.

Euan Macdonald of London and

Bombay, and Camilla, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Dalton Holmes, of Benenden, Kent.

The engagement is announced between Dominic son of Mr and

Mrs M.D. Moross, of Knightsbridge, London, and Jennifer, daughter of Mrs Judith S. Lemmon of Austin, Texas, and Mr

H. Glyen Lemmon, of Denver.

The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Hamilton Smith, of

J.H. Chapman, of Eastbourne.

Dr M.L.D. Cawley

Mr A.St.J. Garnon

borough, Somerset.

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and Miss J.R. Seaward

and Miss A.L. Chapman



### **COURT CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 5: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this morning arrived at Cross Street, Man-chester, and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester (Colonel John Timmins) and Councillor Derek

Shaw (Lord Mayor of Manchester). Her Majesty and His Royal Highness toured the bomb-damaged area around the Arndale Centre and met representatives of the emergency services and those involved with the rebuilding.

The Queen and The Duke of

Edinburgh later drove to er Metropolitan University and were received at the new Faculty of Humanities and Social Science building by the Chancellor the Duke of Wes

Her Majesty, accompanied by His Royal Highness, toured the ulty before opening the new The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, later honoured the Chancellor with her presence at

Luncheon in the Refectory.

Her Majesty and His Royal
Highness this afternoon visited the
Greater Manchester Police Ciaytonbrook Complex and were received by the Chairman. Greater Manchester Police Authority Manchester Police Authorny (Councillor Stephen Murphy).

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh toured the new build-lngs, viewed training demonstra-tions and met members of the

Her

the Claytonbrook (Baroness in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning upon the Departure of President Mary Robinson and Mr ann and bade them

farewell on behalf of Her Majesty. The Queen was represented by the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry KT at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Lord Clydesmuir KT which was held in St Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh, today. The Duke of Edinburgh was

represented by the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine KT. The Princess Royal was repre-sented by Mrs David Bowes-Lyon. BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 5: The Duke of York, Trustee, this morning attended a meeting of the Trustees of the National Maritime Museum in

wich, London SEIO,

Royal engagements The Princess Royal, as Patron of Others Advice Scotland, will visit Maryhill Chizens Advice Bureau, 1145 Maryhill Road, Glasgow, at 11.20; as Patron of the National Autistic Society, will open the society's office in Scotland, 11 open the new haeznatology-oncology unit, Hawthorn House Yorkhill NHS Trust, Royal Hos-pial for Sick Children, Glusgow,

University of Ulster

Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan has been awarded an Honorary Doc-torate of Letters by Ulster University for his work in instering peace and inter-faith restorationships, particularly in the Middle East.

Receptions

Detisent.

Lord Mayor of Westminster
The Queen of Norway and the Duke
of York attended a reception given by
the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress
of Westminster last night at City Hall
before the lighting-up ceremony of
the Norwegian Christmas Tree in
Trafisigar Square. The Norwegian
Arthresider and the Mayor of Oble Ambassador and the Mayor of Oslo and Mrs Turi Klaveness were also

Prime Minimer The Prime Minimer and Mrs Major

were the hosts at a reception held yesterday evening at 10 Downing Screen. Lincoln's Inn

Mr Patrick Talbot, QC, and Miss Sonia Proudman, QC, have been elected Benefiers of Lincoln's

### Today's birthdays

Mrs Janet Anderson, MP, 47; Lord Ashley of Stoke, CH, 74; Mr David Barons, racehorse trainer, 60; the Right Rev Patrick Barry, Airhot of Ampleforth, 79: Mr Dave Brubeck, musician, 76; Vice-Admiral Sir John Cadell, 67: Lord Clinton-Davis, 68: Air Marshal Str John Curtiss, 72: Lord Emslie, 77: Mr Gerry Francis, football manager, 45: Mr Derek Hill, artist, 80: Mr Geoff Hoon, MP. 43; Mr Jonathan King, broadcaster, 52; Mrs Helen Liddell, MP. 46; Sir Richard Lloyd, chairman, Vickers, 68; Sir Nicho-

Se: the Right Rev Eric Mercer, former Bishop of Exeter, 79; Shr George Pinker, former Surgeon-Gynaecologist to the Queen. 72: Lord Porter of Luddenham, OM, FRS, 76: Mr Alastair Ross Goobey, chief executive, Hermes Pensions Management, 51: Mr Richard Shepherd, MP, 54: Sir Bryan Thwaites, former chairman, Wessex Regional Health Authority, 73; Mr Charles Vance, director and theatrical producer, 67; the Right Rev Peter Walker, former Bishop of Ely. 77; Mr Peter Willey, cricketer, 47.



attended a Dinner given by the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen to mark the Centenary of its Royal Charter at Fishmongers' Hall, London EC4. BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 5: The Princess Royal. Patron, National Association of Victims Support Schemes, this

Norway was present.

morning chaired the meeting of the Advisory Board at Church House, Westminster, London SWI. Her Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Corps of Signals, this afternoon received Major Concept afternoon received Major-General Peter Davies upon relinquishing his appointment as Colonel Com-mandant and Colonel Alastair de Bretton Gordon upon relinquish-

The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, this evening attended the Festival of Trees Gala Dinner at the Natural History Museum, London SW7.

KENSINGTON PALACE December 5: The Duke of Glouces ter today visited Northern Ireland and was received on arrival by the Minister of State for Northern Ireland (the Rt Hon Sir John Wheeler MP).

In the morning His Royal High-ness, Patron, Council for Edu-cation in World Citizenship, visited Grosvenor Grammar School, Cameronian Drive, Belfast, and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the

County Borough of Beliast (Colo-nel Elliott Wilson).

Afterwards the Duke of Glouces-ter visited the new headquarters of F G Wilson Engineering Limited, Old Glenarm Road, Larne, and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for County Antrim (the Lord O'Nell). In the afternoon His Royal Highness opened the Northern freisnd Council on Disability's "Housing with Care Scheme". Ballymacross, Lisburn.

YORK HOUSE December 5: The Duke of Kent, Grand Masser, the United Grand

# Lodge of England, this evening attended the centerary dinner of the Household Brigade Lodge, at

on Sir Richard Doll and an Honorary Doctorate of the University on Lady Greengross, Chief Executive of Age Concern. Mr Paul Wellington Burracks, London Jarrett, surgeon at Kingston Hospital, has been appointed visiting professor in day surgery and acute day care. He delivered his inaugural lecture at Kingston University on Wednesday, November 13.

> **Binney Memorial** Medal

The Lord Mayor presented the Mr Asron Otuo-Acheampong with the Birmey Memorial Medal for bravbuttey in support of law and order in the Metropolis at a ceremony held yesterday at Goldsmiths' Hall. The Lord Mayor, who was accompa-nied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, also presented other bravery awards.

Appointment Mr Ian Hay Davison has been appointed Pro-Provost and Chair-man of the Council at the Royal

PERSONAL COLUMN

Honor Blackman, the actress, meets Natasha, a three-year-old patient at St Thomas' Hospital, London, at the launch yesterday of MediCinema, a new charity whose aim is to improve patient care in hospitals by providing free cinema screenings for patients and their families. It hopes to open the first cinema-style auditorium at St Thomas' next spring

Funeral

Lady Titchener-Barrett The funeral and service of thanks giving for the life of Lady Titchener-Barrett was held on Monday, December 2, at St Mary Abbots, Kensington. Prebendary Ian L. Robson, the Vicar and Area Dean of Kensington, officiated. Mr Robert Titchener-Barrett (son) and Mr Greg Mills gave addresses. Mr Alexander Titchener-Barrett and Mr Sebastian Lenain (grandsons)

Mr Scosson Lerain (grandsuns) gave readings. Among those present were:
Mrs Georgina Lenain, Mrs Caroline Titchener-Barrett and Miss Jacquelline Titchener-Barrett (daughters), grandchildren, other members of the family and triends from national and local politics and other arous of the title.

Kingston

University Kingston University has conferred an Honorary Doctorate of Science

Salters' Company Professor Sir Robert May, FRS, Chief Scientific Adviser to the Government, presented the Salt-ers' Company Prize for the Teach-ing of Chemistry to Mr Glynn James of Christ's Hospital at a James of Christ's Hospital at a luncheon at Salters' Hall yesterday. Mr A. Dawson Paul, Master, presided. Sir Robert also presented prizes to graduates in chemistry and chemical engineering, to students who had achieved the best results in the Salters' Alevel Advanced Chemistry Evaningtions and in princes of Examinations and to winners of the Salters' City and Guild Prizes.

College of Art.

Memorial

service el Lord Clydesmuir, KT The Queen was represented by the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry, KT, and the Duke of Edinburgh by the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, KT, at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Colonel Lord Clydesmuir, KT, held yesterday in St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh. The Princess

Royal was represented by Mirs David Bowes-Lyon. The Very Rev Gilleasbuig Mac-millan, Minister of St Giles' and Dean of the Thistle, and the Very Rev Dr William Morris, KCVO. ter of Glasgow Cathedral,

officialed Lord Clydesmuir and the Hon Andrew Colville (sons) and Cap-tain North Dairymple-Hamilton of Bargany, RN, gave readings. Sir Hew Hamilton-Dairymple gave

an address. An escort party of The Queen's Body Guard for Scotland (Royal Company of Archers) under Com-mand of Brigadier, Major the Hon Sir Lachlan Maclean was in astendance. Among those present

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Joan Lady Clydesmuir (widow), Mr and the Hon Mrs Christopher Munto (son-in-law and daughter), Lady Clydesmuir and the Hon Mrs Whitcombe (brother-in-law and sister), Sir Michael and Lady McCorkell (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mrs Susie Marriot, Mr and Mrs David McCorkell, Mr and Mrs David McCorkell, Mr and Mrs Barry McCorkell, Mrs North Dalrymple-Hamilton, Colonel and Mrs John Dalrymple-Hamilton, Mrs John Dalrymple-Hamilton, Mrs John Furness, Mrs Rosemany Cadell, Mr Guy Newton, Mr and Mrs Fergus Lysaght, Lady Erskine-Htll, Mr and Mrs John Runess, Mrs Rosemany Cadell, Mr Guy Newton, Mr and Mrs Fergus Lysaght, Lady Erskine-Htll, Mr and Mrs John North-Lawis and many other friends, Requiem

Mass

A Requiem Mass for Comte Jacques Frédéric Pillet-Will was concelebrated by the Rev Sir Hugh Barrett-Lennard and Mgr V. J. F. Morgan, who also read the lesson and gave an address, at the Little Oratory, Brompton Oratory, yes terday. Among others present

gerday. Among others present were:

Is Comtasse Pillet-Will (widow). Is comtasse Pillet-Will (widow). Is comtasse Pillet-Will (widow). Is comtasse Pillet-Will (widow). Is comtasse pairiet de Gourcuit (daughter). Mire Francis Mathew (mother-tip-law). Mr and Mrs Homas and Mrs and Mrs Pullet and Mrs Islam (brothers-in-law) and sisters-in-law). Mr Charles J Mathew. Mr Francis A Mathew and at Robert Mathew and Aller Sarah H Mathew Comtasses of Norbury. Miss Vermiles Mathew and Aller Sarah H Mathew and Aller Sarah Duncannon. Lacy Sarah Porsonty, the Hon Mathew and Mrs Fondonby, the Hon Charles Mathew, and other methers of the family.

Mr Kannath Baber, CH, MR, and Mrs Babis, Sir Michael Maxwell, Sir John Fretwell, Comtesse Adele de Festre, Prince Rossislow Romanoff, Mr and Mrs Londow, Mr Rasil Sellers, Mr Pand Sellers, Mr Romanoff, Mr and Mrs Both Russell, Miss Rebects Russell, Mr And Mrs David Mathew, Mr Rasil Sellers, Mr Pand Sellers, Mr Romanoff, Mr Romanoff, Mr Thomas Ponsonby, Mr John Batterwick.

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Sarah Scott, Mrs. W de Konig, Mr and
Mrs. Bill Payne, Mr Anthony Palmer,
Mr. David Coe. Mrs. Nicola Goddard.
and Professor Allred Marmau and
other friends.

### War 1861-65, New Orleans, 1889; Ernst Werner von Siemens, en-

**Anniversaries** 

BIRTHS: King Henry VI, reigned 1422-61 and 1470-71. Windsor, 1421: Elizabeth Carter, poet, Deal, 1717; Warren Hastings, 1st Governor-General of India, Churchill, Oxfordshire, 1732; Richard H. Berharn, author of The Lengletchu Barham, author of The Ingoldsby Legends, Camerbury, 1788. Sir Osbert Sitwell, writer, London, 1892; Ira Gershwin, composer, New York, 1806. New York, 1896. DEATHS: Jean Baptiste Chardin, painter, Paris, 1779; Joseph Black,

chemist, Edinburgh, 1799; An-thony Trollope, noveliss, London, 1882: Jean Blanc, socialist and historian, Cannes, 1882; Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States in the American Civil

gineer, Berlin, 1892. Today is the feast day of St Nicholas, patron saint of youth, popularly known as Santa Claus. Christopher Columbus discovered Hispaniola, now Haiti and the Dominican Republic, 1492. The Irish Free State was pro-

Legal appointment Mr Harman John Leslie to be a Queen's Bench Master of the Supreme Court, Queen's Bench Division, from November 27.

Latest wills

Mabel Gray Counter Deganwy, Gwynedd, left estate valued at £3,940,320 net. valued at E3,940,320 net.

She left E3,000 each to London City, Mission and Manchester Chy Mission; E500 each to the RSPB. World Wildlife Fund UR. Wildiaw Trust. PDSA, SASRA, Tear Fund, RSFCA: E6,000 to the Independent Evangelical Church. Liandudno. Residuary estate divided between Overseas Missionary Pellowship, Chinese Overseas Christian Mission. Far East Broadcasting Company, Bible Society, Gospel Recordings, Scripture Gift Mission. Churches Ministry Among the Jews, and Scripture Union.

Frederick Richard George Bell, of London SW3, left estate valued at 7.777.772 met

hourne. Fast Sussex, left estate valued at £2,407.507 net.

Eileen Alice Kellock, of Newton Abbot, Devon, left estate valued at £1,984,099 nes.

Rosemary Phyllis Hayaes, of Chasm, Surrey, left estate valued

strict, survey, ent estate values at £2,582,272 nct.

She left £10,000 each to the National Trust Guide Dum for the Society of Chiropodists, RNLL Age Concern England, Salvation Arrity, Imperial Cincer Research Pond, Arithitis and Rheumatism Council for Research, British Ret Cross. Howard Robert Jackson,

Lisvano, Cardiff, left came valued. Edward Howsley Watson, of Canterbury, Kent, left estate val-ued at £1,315,028 net.

Arthur Lambert, of Lytham St Annes, Lancastilre, left estate val-Amera, Lanzastare, seli-manie vap-ued at 1,046,189 net. He left an option to purchase all his shares in James Lambert (Radio) Lid to its employees in the firm of the time of his death. Roger George Bacciochi, of Castle Bromwich, Birmingham, left es-tate valued at £1.119,754 net.

John Upton Lewin, of Brentford, Middlesex, left estate valued at El, 727, 459 net.
He left residuary estate to be equally divided between Imperial Canoni Research Fund, and British Empire Canoer Campaign. Gibney, P.J.A. (Oxford); Greenland, P. (Birmingham); Griggs, D. (Peserborough) Cyril Thomas Savage, of St Leon-ards on Sea, East Sussex, left estate valued at £1,518,888 net.

Colin Alfred Matthes, of Gorlesion, Great Yarmouth, Nor-folk, left estate valued at £1,478,611 Thomas Lloyd Robinson, of Stoke Bishop, Bristol, left estate valued at

Bishop, Bristol, left estate valued at E1,041,072 net. He left £10,000 to the Merchanis Venturers Charity of the Society of Merchant Venturers, and to Wycliff College Education Trust, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire: £5,000 each to the Grateful Society, Bristol, St Mary Magdalene Church of Stoke Bishop, Gloucestershire Society, and The Canynges Society, Bristol.

Service dinners

HAC Mess Club Colonei G.E. Gilchrist, Presiden of the Honourable Artillery Com pany Mess Club, was in the chair at a dinner held last night at Armoury House. Mr Roger Young, General Sir Brian Kenny. Governor, Royal Hospital, Chel-sea, and Colonel Sir Robin Dunn-

also moke Empire Test Pilots' School The Empire Test Pilots' School held its Graduation Dinner last night in the Officers' Mess at RAF Bosonibe Down in the presence of the High Commissioner for South Africa. Wing Commander S.L. Hildren, Officer Commanding-presided, Lieutenant General B.A.C. Droste, Commander in Chief, The Royal Netherlands Air

Force, was the Guest of Honour, 15 students graduated. The McKenna Trophy for the Best Fixed Wing Pilot Student was awarded to Captain H.P. Kissmann, Canadian Forces. The Westland Trophy for the Best Rotary Wing, Pilot Student was awarded to Captain M. Pozzoli.

Itulian Air Force The Dunlop Trophy for the Best Flight Test Engineer Student was awarded to Major B.O. Hullgren, Royal Swedish Air Force.

Dinner :

Company of Makers of Playing Cards Cards
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the installation dinner of the Company of Makers of Playing Cards held last night wit the Mansion House. Mr M.H. Goodall, Master, presided, The Lord Mayor, Mr R.E. Thorupson and Mr P.D. Crabbe, Senior Warden, also spoke. The Deputy High Commissioner for Australia, the Master and Mistress Cutler in Hallamshire and the Masters of the Feltmakers', Painter-Stainers', Glass Sellers' and Tobacco Pipe Makers' and Tobacco Blenders'

Companies and their ladies were among those present. Paviors Company Mr John Luff, Master of the

Paviors' Company, presided at a livery dinner held last night at Vintners' Hall. During the evening the Master presented the company's 1990 prize to Mr William Ricks for his academic success and contribution

to the Readership sponsored by the company in the Department of Construction Management and

Rainhill, Merseyside, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Martiand, of Sudbury, Sufjolk and Zambia. Mr K.B. Ward Lilley The engagement is announced between Brian Ward Lilley, of Wapping, and Carin Pimlott, of Wimbledon. The marriage will take place quietly in the New Year.

Marriage

Mr LVS. Lage and Miss J.A. Dunkerley The marriage took place yesterday very quietly in Richmond upon Thames, of Mr Vincent Lane, younger son of the late Mr Brian Lane and of the late Mrs Evelyn Lane, nee Long, to Miss Jenniler.

Dunkerley, youngest daughter of the late Mr Gerald Dunkerley and Engineering at Reading of Mrs Dunkerley.

**Institute of Actuaries** 

The following candidates have completed the examinations requirements for the qualification of Fellowship of the Institute of Arora, N K (London)

Bacon, Miss K E (Sydney); Barnard, M W (London); Berelowitz R S 70M (Manchester): Blake, S E (London): Bratton, R P (London): British, Mrs L (Manchester): Brogden, A J (London): Brown, C A (London); Byrne, C J (Dublin) Callan, G. L (Cheltenham); Christie, D L (London)

Devey, K W (Croydon); De Haan, R D (London); den Dekker, T O (London); Dodhla, N (London); Draper, I M (London) Fisher, S (London); Porrest, C M (Lytham St Annest; Frum, N (Tel Aviv); Furber, L R (Croydon)

Herris, T.J. (Croydon); Hennessy, R. A. (Liverpool); Heron, S. P. (Liverpool); Hobbs, D. A. (Brissol); Holland, P. (Manchester); Hope, T. E Cohannesburg); Hue, Miss B L (Cape Town); Hunt, J P (London) - Jewson, C P (London); Jowett, T G

Karodia, Miss N (Oxford (); Kite, Miss J C (Croydon); Knowles, G G (Croydon); Kostiw, P (London) Laws, S (Birmingham); Lee, G R (Anikland); Lewis, Mrs J L (Loadon); Lewry, M K (Tunbridge Wells); Lightwood, D S (Birmingham)
McCrossan, J D (Peterborough);
McIlveen, Miss R V (London);

L (Glasgow); Mischell, Miss N S (Norwich); Mody, R (London); Murphy, M.A (Croydon); Murphy, Miss M E (Dublin) Naughton, C.M.S.(Dublin) O'Flaherty, D'T (Dublin): Orton, T R (Liverpool) son, Ma J A (Bristol): Poon, C S (Peterbarough)

Malcolm: Mrs H (London): May. J

Raddzli, P.A. (Horsham); Rebuck, M. I. (London); Richardson, D. L. (London): Roberts, PJ (Oxford) (London): Monero, P. (Control)
Sender, M. A. (Leeds): Senstor, I.
(London): Shah, R. H. (Croydon):
Shah, V. J. (London): Sherry, Miss
M. A. (Dublin): Slvakumaran, P.
(Melbourne): Skinner, Ms. J. E.
(Hertford): Snath, Miss. J.
(London): Solari, K.F.M. (Croydon):
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(Lytham ST Annes); Wrenn, S A (London); Wright, G P (Birmingham); Young, M P (Hersford) This list appeared in some editions of The Times

Election

Mr Dennis Stevenson, Chairman of the Trustees of the Tate Gallery, has been elected to the Board of the British Council.

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las Lyell, QC, Attorney-General,

LONSDALE - On 30th Movember, to Bugh and Loveday, a sister for Sophie and Thomas.

SLAMEY - On 14th August 1996 in Guildford Royal Survy Hospital, to Amanda and John, a daughter, Enty Isobelle, a sister for Luciana.

BIRTHS

OWBL - On 1st December 1996, at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehsungton, to Micky (née Masen) and William, a son, Alexander

1996, to Jane (nos Chetham) and Jim, a son, Adam William Denyer, Thurst to the scall of the

Royal Mampshire County Hospital Winchester SMMSTER - On December 1st, to Sarah (née Wilkins) and Stephen, a precious daughter, Sophie Louise.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES H.M.EY. COMPANY - On 6th freezable 1546 at Sufficient Registry Office, Raiph to Marianus, With love and congratulations from the children.

Do not plend that you are too young; for you are to go to whatever people I send you, and say whatever I tell you to say, jereminh 1 : 7 1996 in hospital at Easthourae, Margaret Raido (266 Scott). Funeral Service at Barthourae Comatorium Family Chapel on Wednesday 11th Documber at 12.45 pm. Flowers or domations for Royal British Legion (Womens Section) may be sent to Haine & Son Ltd., 19 South Street, Easthourae.

BUTTERWORTH - On 3rd December 1976, suddenly at home at Ollerton, Lady Butterworth, aged 52 years, the dear wife of the late for Newille Sufferworth, much loved notice and motion in law of David, Michael and Beverly and beloved translated of 2nm and Kali Inquiries to Dodgeor's Tuneral Service, 25 Manchester Scod, Kantaford, tak (01565) 634251.

CARRIMGTON - Mary on December 2nd 1996, aged 63. Formerly Royds, widow of Thoms Dunie Maille and of Junes Carrington. Cremation, 2 pm on Thursday 12th December at Workling Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations to St Barnahas Hospitce. Worthing generally received c/o E.D. Table Led. 130 Brondwater Led. Worthing. W. M. Tatt (01903) 224616.

Alexis Theodore, devoted homoured friend. Perceptuly at skeep. Family cremation took ulace December Sch. to an in the contract of the c

DAVIS - On 4th December peacefully at Stratton Hespital, Bude, Leslie Stmitey of Bude, Commail, formerly of Maidenhead, Beloved husband of Veronica, greatly loved father of Carol and grandchildren Tanin and justin and great-granddaughter jade, loved death by his stophinghters and step grandchildren. Funstral Service at St Marvennes Church, Markamehurch, Bude, on Tuesday December 10th at 230pm. Fundly flowers only, deather the father thanks four Possible to The father thanks of the father thanks and the father thanks and the father former of the father former of the father flowers of the father former of the father former of the father former of the father of the father former of the father of at St. Andrew's Church, Chi. Headington on Thursday Jamusy 16th 1997 at 12 noon Dountions if desired to the Abbeyfield Society, Canaston House, Cumnor, Oxford OX2 9RL or the Alzheimers Home, Valet House, Rodey, Oxford, OX2 9VID. Cuntributions may be sent to Reeves & Pain, 19 Fairfax Contra, Ridlington, Church US 278. Chand, 015 2m.

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### **OBITUARIES**

John Vassall, Soviet spy. died last month aged 76. He was born on September 24, 1920.

s a junior employee of the British Embassy in Moscow in the .mid-1950s, John Vassall must have seemed an easy target to the KGB. He was no ideological zealot: nor was he one of those insouciant highflyers who betray their country seemingly for the hell of it. But he was naive, insecure and socially ambitious, while his homosexuality made him vul-nerable to blackmail and his vanity was all too susceptible

There followed a classic entrapment, as threats and compromising photographs gave way to flattery and financial inducements, and the intelligence demanded grew ever more serious and secret, From 1954 until his arrest in 1962, Vassall supplied his Soviet controllers with an unceasing flow of documents and information, first from the Moscow Embassy, then from the Admiralty in London.

Vassall was never more than a low-level functionary. but there was nothing lowlevel about the damage he was able to inflict. His treachery was undoubtedly serious, for at various times in his career he had access to vital information; but the questions it raised were more serious still. If the KGB had spotted Vassall as an obvious recruit, why had the British not spotted him sooner?

Vassall's trial ended for him with a sentence of 18 years' imprisonment. But the trial in which the British Establishment found itself caught up was to go on rather longer. By the time it ended, one junior minister had resigned, doubts had been raised about the efficiency of Britain's intelligence apparatus, relations between Government and the press had been irrevocably changed. Moreover, the atmosphere of suspicion and mistrust engendered by the Vassall case almost certainly contributed to Harold Macmillan's mishandling of the Profumo affair, which was the prologue to his fall from office n October 1963.

William John Vassall (he hated his first name and preferred to use his second)

was born in St Bartholomew's

Hospital, to which his father. later to be part-time curate at St James's, Piccadilly, was then attached as chaplain. His mother was a nurse.

He was sent to a boarding school at Seaford in Sussex, then at the age of 13 to Monmouth School. A mediocre scholar with no enthusiasm for games, he had a reputation as the best-dressed boy in the school, but also acquired the nickname "Serf". for his servility towards his elders and eagerness to please.

At 17 he tried to volunteer for flying duties with the RAF but was rejected. After jobs in a City branch of the Midland Bank and as a temporary clerk in the Admiralty, he was finally called up in 1943 and trained as an RAF photographer, in which capacity he served with 137 Wing in Western Europe. The benefits of this training, he later admitted, could be seen in the work he did with the Minox camera that he was given by the KGB.

Vassall joined the Admiralty as a clerk in 1948, and in 1952 went to Moscow on the staff of the British Naval Attaché. On the business cards he used there he described himself, rather grandly, as "junior attaché", and it seems he was unhappy with the protocol and snobberies of Embassy life.

Seeking friends outside, he made the acquaintance of a Pole named Mikhailsky who introduced him to the secret world of homosexual Moscow. It was in 1954, at a party in a private room of a restaurant near the Bolshoi theatre, that he was photographed in a variety of compromising

Shown the photographs at a meeting with two KGB officers, he was asked initially to supply information of a fairly general kind. Gradually the demands became more specific, and at Christmas 1955 he received his first payment, of

2,000 roubles (then about £50). Vassall later insisted that at this time he did not regard his actions as espionage. Though worried about what he was getting into, he claimed that he felt unable to confide in the Ambassador, Sir William Hayter, whom he regarded as cold, aloof and furbidding. Hayter was to say that, had he been consulted, he would have arranged to have Vassali sent home, as had been done in "one or two other cases". The

JOHN VASSALL



admission that such things had happened before, and the question of how soon Vassall had in fact been suspected within the Embassy, contributed to the controversy sur-

rounding the subsequent trial. Vassall seems genuinely to have thought that his troubles would end with his return to London. They did not, and, back in the Admiralty where Lord Carrington was First Lord, he found himself being run, from a flat in Pelham Court, South Kensington, by the now notorious Russian spymaster Nikolai Borisovich Rodin, a counsellor at the Soviet Embassy who had also controlled George Blake and the members of the Portland spy ring.

That Vassall should have escaped suspicion in Moscow seems remarkable; that he should have continued to escape it in London is almost beyond belief. As a junior clerk in the Admiralty earning £750 a year, he was living in a £400a-year flat in Hood House, Dolphin Square, wearing

Savile Row suits and taking

frequent foreign holidays. His

Russian paymesters were by

now paying him between £500 and £700 a year. Eventually the obvious gap between his modest income and his lavish expenditure did bring him to official attention, and a raid on his flat revealed, hidden in a secret compartment in a wardrobe, ten films with 140 pictures of some 17

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Admiralty documents. This formed the conclusive evidence at his trial.

The security questions raised by his conviction were far-reaching, and George Brown, deputy leader of the Opposition, used them to goad and harry Macmillan's Government. A tribunal under Lord Raddliffe was finally set up to investigate them. Macmillan hoped that its findings would help to dispel the atmosphere of bitterness and suspicion created by the case. "I feel" he said, "that the time has come for men of propriety and decency not to tolerate the growth of what I can only call the spirit of Titus Oates or Senator McCarthy.\*

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Vassali case - literally so, in the case of two journalists jailed for refusing to reveal the sources of stories that Vassall had been suspected sooner than was officially admitted. The tribunal found some

the press itself on trial over the

inadequacies in the vetting procedure, but no evidence of colpability. Apart from Reginald Foster of the Daily Sketch and Brendan Mulholland of the Daily Mail, the principal casualty of the affair turned out to be Thomas Galbraith, MP for Glasgow Hillhead and Civil Lord of the Admiralty during Vassall's time there.

In response to gossip about the relationship between Galbraith and Vassall, the Macmillan Government took the extraordinary step of publishing an exchange of letters between the two men. It suggested considerably greater familiarity than might then have been expected between a junior minister and a very iunior clerk, but it seemed wholly innocent. Vassali was always to deny impropriety; Radcliffe cleared Galbraith of any complicity; but the MP nonetheless had felt compelled to resign from the post he had subsequently taken up in the Scottish Office.

Released after ten years as a model prisoner, Vassall was to exert a further bizarre influence on British politics when allegations about his 1960s' association with Sir Fergus Montgomery were passed to the Prime Minister's office by a former MP, Humphry Berkeley, allegedly helping to bring about Montgomery's resignation as parliamentary private secretary to Margaret Thatcher. At his trial, in later interviews, and in his memoirs, published in 1974, Vassall made much of the idea of homosexuals in high places.

in general, however, after his release in 1972 he sought and found obscurity. A Roman Catholic convert, befriended in prison by Lord Longford, he spent some time in a monastery, then worked in an antique shop, and took various posts as an archivist and clerk. He changed his name to John Phillips,

His death from a heart attack went unreported for a formight. His body was cremated after a private funeral on Tuesday at the Brompton Oratory.

### BABRAK KARMAL

Babrak Karmai, Prime Minister and then President of Afghanistan from 1979 to 1986, died in Moscow of liver cancer on December 1 aged 67. He was born in 1929.

IN A seven-year stewardship of his war-torn country, cocooned by the armed might of the Soviet Union, Babrak Karmal found himself increasingly at sea in a maelstrom of intractable problems. But this was a position he shared with his Russian paymasters who, in spite of pouring in massive military aid for his regime, were, in the end. to take what was perhaps their first significant backward step, in geopolitical terms, since the end of the Second World War.

Karmal had come to power on Christmas Day, 1979, on the points of 5,000 Russian bayonets. By the time Moscow had despaired of its by now alcoholic puppet in 1986 and had him removed, the number of its troops in Afghanistan had risen to 120,000 and the Red Army, itself facing problems of drink and drug abuse in its ranks, was becoming haunted by the unfamiliar spectre of military defeat.

The principal opposition to Karmal's Soviet-backed regime came from Islamic rebels, armed by the US, who saw the situation in Afghanistan as a highly-promising way of waging the Cold War. But as Kannal and his successors, whether Moscow-backed or of Islamic fundamentalist persussion, were to find, the Afghan problem was never merely a two-sided one. From their lair in the Panjshir Valley the independentlyminded General Masood and his fighters presented a separate threat to Karmal, much as they do to the government of Taleban fundamentalists a decade later.

A Persian-speaker, Babrak Karmal was the son of an army general and provincial governor. He grew up in Kabul, where he went to a German-language secondary school. He subsequently entered Kabul university to study law and political science, but his studies were interrupted for five years when he was imprisoned for Marxist agitation.

When he eventually obtained his degree he served for a year in the army and then vorked for eight years in th Ministry of Planning until, in 1965, he helped to unite the communist movement of several factions into a single party, the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA). Also in that year, he was elected to the lower house of narliament, where he acquired a reputation for his

oratory and a hot temper. Two years later, Karmal broke away from the largely pro-Chinese PDPA to found his own party, the Parcham (flag), named after the ideological news-sheet he edited. The new grouping was pro-Soviet, but a gradualist rather than a revolutionary party.

Karmal remained a member of parliament until 1973. During this time the New Democracy regime of Shah Mohammed Zahir was increasingly undermined by inefficiency, corruption, a lack of foreign aid and a drought which killed some 100,000 people and decimated livestock. The streets of Kabul were the daily battleground of zealots of the various creeds.

When the king's cousin and former prime minister, Prince Daoud Khan, who had once appointed Karmal's father to the governorships of Herat and Pakhtia, overthrew the monarchy in July 1973, Karmal's followers in the armed forces readily joined hands with him and Parchamites were given Cabinet posts. But Daoud refused to share meaningful power with his partners and did not carry out many of the reforms he had promised. Within two years he had closed all the

the land. Later on, still, he dismissed parliament and banned all political parties.

In 1977, the two major wings of the former PDPA, the Khalq (masses) under Nur-Mohammad Taraki and Hafizullah Amin, and the Parcham under Karmal, reconstituted it into a single party once more and stepped up their clandestine efforts to recruit within the officer corps of the armed forces. In April 1978 large demonstrations against the assassination of Karmal's chief ideologist forced Daoud to arrest the three communist leaders. But it was already too late. Some 300 junior officers overthrew and murdered the president.

In the new Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, Taraki became both president and prime minister, while Amin and Karmal became his deputies in both posts. But the old rivalries soon resurfaced. In July 1978, Karmal and his long-time mistress. Dr Anahita Ratebzad, were sent as ambassadors to Czechoslovakia and Hungary. A few months later they were ordered to return to Kabul, but instead, they raided the safe-boxes of their embassies and threw themselves on the mercy of the Soviet Union.

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In 1979 Amin murdered Taraki, declared himself president and showed signs of loosening his links with Moscow. In December 5,000 Soviet troops were air-lifted into Kabui, where they overthrew and killed Amin and replaced him with Karmal. What was effectively an invasion of a non-aligned country by a superpower was widely condemned, and Karmal set



about initiating policies that might endear the government to the mass of the population, thousands of whom ha into exile in Pakistan and Iran. He tried to give an impression of increasing emancipation from the Soviet Union, persuading non-party personal-ities to join his administration. But this was contradicated by a massive build-up of Soviet troops. Western, Iranian and Arab aid to Muslim guerrillas gained momentum and the Afghan army suffered from widespread desertion. Afghanistan became a battleground. By the summer of 1980 at least 80 per cent of the country was in the grip of the guerrillas.

On the positive side, the Karmal government could point to the beginning of the emancipation of women among its achievements, a process continued under his successor Muhammad Najibullah but abruptly reversed by Afghanistan's new masters. But the Soviet leadership was becoming embarrassed by Karmal's slide into alcoholism. In May 1986 Najibullah succeeded him as general secretary of the PDPA and in November relieved him of all his political posts. Sent to the Soviet Union, Karmal spent the rest of his life in a dacha on the Black Sea until illness compelled his admit-tance to a Moscow hospital. Najibullah was himself overthrown by Islamic rebels in 1992 after the Soviet Union had withdrawn all military and economic aid. He was executed by Taleban fundamentalists last September.

Karmai and Dr Ratebrad never married and had no

### **EDWARD KASSNER**

Edward Kasmer, music publisher, died on November 19 aged 76. He was born on February 28. 1920.

WHEN BBC Radio broadcast The Edward Kassner Story in July 1991, it was paying tribute to one of the last great music publishers and a man widely recognised in the popular music industry around the world. But for Edward Kassner, music was more than just a business; it was the lucky talisman that never deserted him throughout a long and successful career.

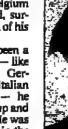
Born in Vienna, of Jewish parentage. Kassner nurtured aspirations towards writing operas at an early age. But any plans in this direction he may have had were cut short by Hitler's annexation of Austria in March 1938. At 17 he

escaped across Germany to The Netherlands, Belgium and eventually England, surviving by a combination of his wits and his music.

Kassner had hardly been a year in England before - like many other anti-Nazi German, Austrian and Italian refugees of the time - he found himself rounded up and interned in May 1940. He was shipped off to Australia in the SS Dunera, Later, when he was allowed to return, he joined the British Army, serving in France and Germany from 1941 to 1945 as an interpreter attached to a Cana-

dian tank corps.

By 1944 he had married an Englishwoman and started his company, the Edward Kassner Music Co. One night in France during heavy bombardment by the Germans. Kassner wrote what



would in 1946 become his first big hit. Sung by Vera Lynn, it was entitled How Lucky You

In the early 1950s, Eddie Kassner amassed a string of

hit songs with recordings by

Frank Sinatra, Perry Como, Nat King Cole, Vera Lynn.

Tilzer's Broadway Music Corp. The latter held American standards such as You Made Me Love You, I'll Be

With You In Apple Blossom Time and Take Me Out To The Ball Game. Kassner's great coup, however, was a song that changed the face of popular music, Rock Around The Clock. He paid \$250 for something that

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during the late 1950s and early 1960s spanned a wide range of musical styles and tastes. From the classic rhythm and blues of Chuck Willis, whose mournful I Feel So Bad was recorded by Elvis Presley, through the teeny bop Bobby's Girl to big ballads, like the Ivor Novello award-winning Portrait of My Love, the hits kept coming.
Then in 1964, with the British invasion in full swing.

a band called The Kinks was signed up in a management and publishing deal. A string of worldwide hits ensued, starting with You Really Got Me, followed by All Day and All of the Night, Tired of Waiting For You and A Well Respected Man. After almost 20 years, England had again become the focal point of Eddie Kassner's business, In 1966, he set up President Records. Within a year, the label had achieved its first chart success with records by The Symbols and Felice Taylor, the latter a Top 20 entry for the Barry White-written I Feel Love Comin' On. His next discovery was Britain's first successful racially-mixed group, The Equals, who stormed to the top of every

THE CANADA WAR.

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(From the Sackett's Harbour Journal Extra)

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were killed and wounded on both sides. The

British, however, sustained by far the heaviest

loss. Colonel Young, the British commander, was among the killed, his body being pierced

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to Prescott, for the last time.

European chart with Baby Come Back, written by the teenage band member Eddy Grant Success continued through

the 1970's, both in songs and records. A licensing deal with a small Miami-based independent, TK Records, brought the 1974 disco phenomenon and bestseller. Rock Your Baby by George McCrae, while giving President its second No L On a visit to the Florida company. Eddie heard the B-side of a then unknown group and again proved his uncanny for judging popular knack taste. He brought the tapes back to England and weeks later, Queen of Clubs was high in the UK Top Ten leading to a run of hits for K C & The Sunshine Band.

The 1980s saw production deals with rock legends Den-ny Laine, Eddie Hardin, Ray Fenwick and, most significant ly, keyboard wizard Rick Wakeman, whose 12-year association with the Kassner group, first as artist and then as writer, produced nearly 30 albums and over a hundred copyrights. President, now in its 13th year of business, has become one of the longest-established independent record companies owning many hundreds of master recordings. The publishing companies contain some 14.000 copyrights.

Edward Kassner is survived by his wife Eileen and three sons and two daughters.

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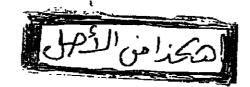
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are now on their way to this port under his charge. Mr Foster, the steersman of the steam-boat United States, was killed by a grape shot from the British steam-bo Experiment, yesterday. The Experiment then attempted to rundown the schooner Charlotte, but was fired into by the Patriots on board of her, killing six and wounding five, after which the Experiment retreated to Prescott.

"A small boat containing four or five Patriots, crossing from Ogdensburgh to Prescott, was fired into by the British steamboat Coburg and disabled and then she ran alongside and fired down upon them, sinking the boat and killing every person on board."

The Montreal Herald of the 16th has the following in reference to the affair at Prescott-"Information was received late on Tuesday evening that 900 men, with eight pieces of artillery had approached Prescott, from the opposite shore, on the morning of Monday, about 10 o'clock, and failed in an attempt to run two large schooners alongside the wharf. With the assistance of the steamers United States and Paul Pry, about 500 men of the sympathisers, with three guns, disembarked about two miles below the town. The Experiment, a Government armed steamer of small size, arrived at 5 o'clock on Monday afternoon, and exchanged several shots with the steamer United States, one of which struck her, and caused so much damage that she was compelled to retire to Ogdensburgh to get necessary repairs. The 93rd Regiment would be at Cornwall yesterday morning, another regiment was ordered on the march, and two companies of the royals left town yesterday morning for that place, and volunteers are flocking in from all quarters. The gaillant Glengarry Highlanders will cut off the retreat of the brigade by the Rideau Canal, the armed steamer Experiment will effectually prevent their escape by the boats, and the troops and volunteers will attack them on both flanks, so that they are completely hemmed in."



### NEWS.

### Major denies rift with Clarke

I John Major and Kenneth Clarke were struggling to counter suggestions of a serious rift after the BBC reported that the Chancellor was prepared to lead a mass walkout if the Prime Minister gave into the Right over Europe.

Both denied that Mr Clarke had threatened to resign if Mr Major ahandoned his "wait-and-see" on a single currency the Chancellor in a statement in mid-afternoon and the Prime Minister in the Commons 20 minutes later Pages L 12

### **Duchess of Kent suffering from ME**

■ The Duchess of Kent has chronic fatigue syndrome, the illness also known as myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME) and has cancelled all of her official engagements. The news was released on the day she was to have attended the awards ceremony of Childline, a children's charity......Page I

### Two patients at a London hospital have become the first to be infected with a mutant "superbug" that evades detection by

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### leine Albright, US Ambassador to

the UN, to be the first female Secretary of State ...... Pages I. 17 European vision Europe was offered its first outline of a more integrated union

including plans for the abolition

of all frontiers but the blueprint

### for a new treaty skirts the nat-

Grey frontier ban David Nicholson. 52, Tory MP for Taunton, who advocated a ban on pensioners retiring to the West Country to ease the rural

### housing crisis, was accused of double standards ......Page 3

Vatican dispute The Pope told the Archbishop of Canterbury in a blunt discussion on women priests that only he had authority "as the successor to St Peter" to lay down ..Page 5

### A-level intervention

under threat\_

Gillian Shephard intervened to safeguard A-level standards after a report showed that the examination's depth and rigour were

'Superbug' identified New drug success A new drug treatment for osteo-

### porosis, the disease which weakens bones, halves the risk of fractures, doctors said ..... Page 9

Rail vandalism tear

Railway vandalism is soaring and could lead to "mass murder" if urgent steps were not taken, the Chief Inspecting Officer of Railwavs said .... .... Page 10

### Passport assurance

Chris Patten, the Governor of Hong Kong, said that it would be "impudent" of Peking to threaten almost 140,000 people in Hong Kong who were given British passports in 1990 to provide reassurance after the 1989 Tiananmen Square killings ...

### Heirloom sale

The Pretender to the French throne will sell off hundreds of family heirlooms after his children accused him of plundering their inheritance.....

### Juppé misery

France's drive for a single currency is under threat and M Juppe's popularity has reached the lowest ebb of any leader in modern French history ..... .......... Page 15 Goering's £13 million

Swiss bankers used diplomatic pouches to smuggie Nazi gold and securities into Argentina, inciuding a E13 million retirement fund for Hermann Goering, the ..Page 7 Luftwaffe commander .... Page 16

### £9-a-day cricketers humillate England

England's cricketers experienced one of their most humiliating defeats when they were beaten — with a day to spare - by Mashonaland in Harare. Zimbabwe is is the weakest Test nation in the world and its part-timers are paid £9 a day. England had hoped for easy matches on their tour but have now lost two of their first three.



Ballyedward and stable companion Flow are washed down in the cold air of Windsor after the Woodside Novices Chase won by Flow

British Gas is to split itself into a gas sales company to be called Centrica and a gas production, exploration and gas transport business to be called BG ...... Page 25 Economy: The Governor of the Bank of England sees no urgent need for a dramatic rise in interest rates but suggested that he would still like to see higher rates before

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Marketa: The FT-SE 100 rose 5.4 to 4050.6. Sterling fell from 92.7 to 91.8 after a fall from \$1.6382 to \$1.6270 and from DM2.5602 to DM2.5295. Page 28

# Football: Martin Edwards, the

chairman of Manchester United. has hinted that the club may now make a significant move into the transfer market .... Tonnis: Tim Henman faces a semifinal meeting with Boris Becker in

the Compaq Grand Slam Cup in.

Munich after a superb victory over

MaliVai Washington ...... Page 42 Rugby union: Andy Reed, the Wasps lock forward, seems certain to make his first international appearance for two years after being recalled to the Scotland squad against Italy.

Cricket: England A continued their excellent form on the tour of Australia with a two-wicket victory over New South Wales in a one-day

### Mind's art: Despite the Nazis' efforts to discredit it, a groundbreaking collection of more than 6,000 paintings by psychiatric pa-tients has survived to go on show at

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Reigning Supreme: Alan Jackson meets Diana Ross and finds her friendliness at odds with her reputation as an imperious and tempera-

### Valente Grove Interview: With Ismail Merchant of the Merchant-Ivory film-making team. He is a director for whom nothing is impossible and in addition, a wonderful cook .... ....Page 19

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Living with nature: Cormorants are majestic birds and a whiz at fishing. That is what riles fishermen, so they shoot them ...... Page 19

### Caught off-guard: A choice in: schooling is being eroded as the obsession with exam results pushes the independent schools to be ...Page 35 -alike

Bleak picture: Hundreds of disabled children cannot attend local schools. Now a drive to make state schools accessable can win the ...Page 35

The explosion of a bomb in the heart of Paris has revived a nightmare. France cannot afford to "go it alone" but must now enlist the support of its European partners. The fight against terrorism is international. The creation of a common judicial area, which the 15 BU lin, has never been more urgently

### Preview: Pop culture gets a bashing from two likely lads in a bedsit. The Adam and Joe Show (Channel 4, 12.10am) Review: Peter Barnard on a brilliant reconstruction of the

Hillsborough tragedy......Page 47

### A Labour Europe

The Shadow Cabinet is in a state of deep denial over Europe. It cannot face bothering with any EU business that it does not expect to be a "wedge issue" in next year's election campaign .....

### Clinton's choices

Ms Albright will have to deal with the perception that she has won the most senior post in American international relations for reasons more concerned with Washington politics than the world ......Page 21.

### Museum of fire

To all friends of the British Museum - among whom The Times: certainly counts itself - Andrew Edwards's management report, de-tailed on page six today, must be deeply disturbing .....

### BERNARD LEVIN

Again and again, we ask the question, the question that cannot be answered. What was a Jew, or a haif-Jew, doing with Adoif Hitler? It is enough that almost all the people concerned are now .. Page 20 dead

### MICHAEL HOWARD

The Government has cross-party support for the Philip Lawrence Mcmorial Awards, and many organisations have given helpful advice. It is important that the awards complement the various award and grant schemes aiready in existence....

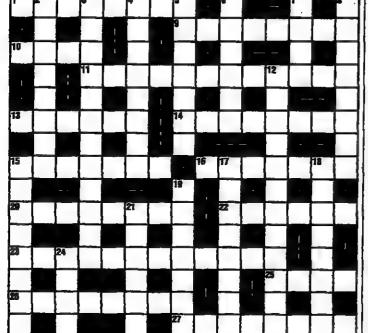
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The Tory party increasingly resembles the Labour Party of the late 1970s and early 1980s, drawn inexorably to the issue which is certain to 

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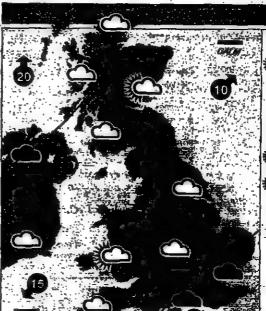
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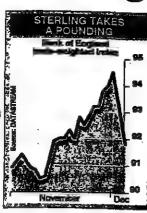
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# George eases pressure for early rise in interest rates



ECONOMICS CONDESPONDENT

EDDIE GEORGE, Governor of the Bank of England, yesterday said that he sees no urgent need for a dramatic rise in interest rates, but strongly suggested that he would still like to see higher rates before the election.

His remarks, in testimony to the Commons Treasury Select Committee, were less hawkish on the need for tighter money than many pessimists in the City had expected, and the odds on a base rate rise at next week's monetary meeting lengthened. Sterling fell sharply again, while the City adjusted its rate expectations

down.

Also helping to case pressure for higher rates yesterday was the latest distributive trades survey from the Confederation of British Industry, which showed that high street sales had slowed slightly in November and that there was a 5.4 per cent fall in new car registrations in the same month. Neither finding suggested that the economy is about to overheat. that the economy is about to overheat. Discussing last week's Budget, Mr George said that he agreed with the Chancellor that the package was contractionary, although not dramat-

no quarrel with Kenneth Clarke's

Overall, Mr George said, the Budget had not changed the Bank's view, expressed in its last Inflation Report just before the Budget, that rates would probably have to rise in its inflation target of 2.5 per cent or less. He said that the tone of the report was "specifically designed to suggest that there is no urgent need for a dramatic change" in rates.

However, pressed on whether he stay at their current level of 6 per cent

wouldn't go that far."

Mr George's remarks also made clear that any rate rises that the Bank may seek in the months ahead are likely to be modest. He said that, if rates were raised — hypothetically — to 7 per cent now, inflation would fall significantly below 2.5 per cent. This suggests that the Bank is thinking in terms of rate rises of no more than half to three-quarters of a point. He also told the committee that he

did not believe that the economy was heading for an 1980s-style boom. John Shepperd, chief economist of Yamaichi International Europe, said:

dose of reality into the money markets, which have been far too pessimistic on rates."

The pound's index against a basket of currencies closed at 91.8, compared with 92.7 on Wednesday. Sterling was quoted at DM2.5295, more than three pfennigs below the DM2.5602 on the previous day and nearly eleven prennigs down on the peak of DM2.6370 on Monday night, its best level since it left the ERM in 1992.

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# Big payout cut feared after gas demerger

AND OLIVER AUGUST

THE City fears a big cut in dividend will follow the demerger of British Gas into separate trading and pipeline companies. The concerns emerged after the utility revealed details of the structure and announced it had agreed with British Petroleum the

first renegotiation of take-orpay gas contracts. British Gas shares initially surged on news that it had secured a breakthrough in reducing its £2-3 billion liability on high-priced gas con-tracts. However, the share price fell as City analysts absorbed the implications and some predicted that the payout

next year could fall to 5p. British Gas will pay 14.5p net this year, including an 8.1p final. But the company indicated that the dividend would be cut. "This payment should not

be taken as a guide to likely forure levels of dividend which are expected to be materially

From February, the utility's 19 million customers will start receiving bills from a gas tra-ding utility renamed Centrica. Roy Gardner, chief executive designate of the new company, confirmed that it will pay no dividends in the immediate future, leaving the pipeline and exploration company as the source of future payouts. However, the renamed BG plc intends to financially ring fence its two businesses.

David Varney, chief execu-

Interbrand, a London consul-

tancy. Simon Mottram, a

director, said Centrica was

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and supply network and, by extension, one which is safe

Interbrand initially gen

ated hundreds of names and

British Gas chose a selection

These names were then investigated to see whether

they were legally available around the world. Interbrand

said it was important to make

sure names were not cultural-

ly offensive or daft in other

from a shortlist of 20.

and reliable."

the upstream exploration business would become selffinancing. The dividend will be paid out of TransCo's current cost profit after servicing its regulatory capital and after paying tax. Mr Varney said the dividend would be affected by the MMC inquiry into TransCo's pricing formula. British Gas appealed against the Ofgas formula, which it said would cut £400 million from its after-tax cash flow. Analysts were shocked by

the dividend implications.

One suggested that if the company had paid its 1995 dividend on the same basis, the payout would have been

5.7p, not 14.5p. British Gas will pay £293 million to reduce the price of certain take-or-pay contracts. In a package of deals with BP production arm, the company will reduce its commitment by 2.8 billion therms and reduce the price to a market level on a further 13.5 billion therms.

Richard Giordano, chairman, said that the total 16

BP will receive most of the £293 million payment but the take-or-pay renegotiations did not include Morecambe Bay, the massive gasfield which will form part of Centrica. Mr Giordano predicted that future take-or-pay deals would in-volve assets rather than cash

The demerger announce-ment is believed to have been held up for several weeks by the contract re-negotiations. The timetable for the demerger shows the publication of demerger details on January 10. Trading in Centrica and BG shares will start on February 17

if the demerger is approved.

Mr Giordano will be chairman at both new companies but is expected to resign at Centrica within the first 12 months after the demerger. Philip Rogerson, the British

Gas deputy chairman, will perform the same role at BG. Dame Stella Rimington, the former head of MIS, will become a BG non-executive director. Mr Varney said she had been chosen for her "insights into government and

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### billion therms was "about 10 **Venture** per cent of the volume we would like to address". He indicated that BP was not the largest party with which Brit-ish Gas will have to renegoticapitalist sues HSBC names were developed by

BY JAHON NUMBE

A VENTURE capitalist is suing HSBC Holdings for more than £1 million in bonus due, he says, after he retired. Hugh de Quervain, who until December 1992 was managing director of the venture capital arm of Midland Bank, now part of HSBC, is claiming be should be paid his share of the profits of HSBC Private Equity Europe for five years after his departure.

In 1988 he joined the business's executive incentive scheme, receiving £1.17 million of bonus payments in five years. A new scheme was drawn up before Mr de Quervain departed in 1992, under which, he claims, payouts were due for five ears after he left.

HSBC says Mr de Quervain is not entitled to the money since he became a non-executive director of the Henry Ansbacher Acquisition Fund that invested in South Africa. HSBC says this is a competing business. Mr de Quervain says the fund does not operate in

# **GrandMet plans** share buyback

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

GRAND METROPOLITAN, the food and drinks company. is to seek shareholder permission to launch a share

John McGrath, chief executive, said yesterday that a share buyback is definitely "on the agenda" but the company has to examine its tax options before deciding when to proceed. GrandMet will ask for shareholder approval to buy back up to 10 per cent of the company's share capital — worth around £950 million at yesterday's closing price although the company emphasises that it is unlikely to make such a large

repurchase.

Mr McGrath's comments came as the company unveiled a 6 per cent rise in full-year profits before tax and exceptionals, to £965 million. Exceptional charges totalled ESSO million and mainly relate to write-downs following the sale of the European food businesses during the year. The results were largely in

line with expectations but analysts' fears over the surg-

ing pound hitting the company's dollar profits caused

shares to slip back 102p, to 446p. GrandMet hedges 80 per cent of its US profits but analysts calculate that profits could fall by around £30 million as a result of the impact of non-hedged profits from countries with currencies that track the dollar.

The improvement in performance was led by Pilisbury, the food business, which recorded a 30 per cent rise in operating profits, to £431 mil-lion. International Distillers and Vintners, the drinks business, also turned in an improved performance, with operating profits increasing by 4 per cent to £471 million.

The BSE scare hit profits at Burger King, which fell by 15 per cent to £167 million. GrandMet said that the company had lost around £10 million as a resdult of the crisis in Britain and Germany, although sales at the burger chain had now returned to normal.

The total dividend was increased by 7 per cent, to 16p. A final dividend of 10.05p is payable on April 7.

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### Going shopping

Great Universal Stores confirmed an interest in buying the Freemans catalogue business but fears a bid would run into problems with the Monopolies Commission. Gus also revealed its first profits decline in 48 years. Page 30, Tempus 28

### **Bad reading**

Reed Elsevier, the publisher. warned the market of tough trading in several parts of its business, sending the shares down 64p to £10.87. Stockbrokers have trimmed earnings forecasts.

# New name game costs £250,000

BRITISH Gas spent £250,000 and by BG overseas. Both on finding new names for its two soon to be demerged businesses, BG and Centrica

(Oliver August writes). The name Centrica, which the company hopes will soon be as familiar as British Gas itself, is meant to convey a sense of change that marketing men felt was needed after the recent troubles over billing and disconnections. British Gas said yesterday:

"Most people in this country still think we are the gas board. The new names will The British Gas brand

name will still be used by Centrica as a part of its corporate identity in the UK



David Varney, left, and Roy Gardner will head the companies

A FORMER finance director of

Goldcrest, Brent Walker's film-mak-

ing subsidiary, was yesterday convict-

ed at Southwark Crown Court of

attempting to pervert the course of justice in a £19 million cover-up.

Donald Anderson, 43, a chartered

accountant, was the missing defen-

dant in the first Brent Walker trial in

1994. At that trial George Walker was



Former Brent Walker aide guilty in £19m cover-up convicted on a charge of false accounting and given an is-month

prison sentence suspended for two years and fined £25,000. During the two-month trial at which 34 witnesses were called, the court heard that Anderson, a New Zealand citizen who lives in Richmond, Surrey. was involved in the creation of faise documents between August 1988 and October 1990 to cover up £19 million of

bogus profits recorded by the Brent Walker Group between 1984 and 1987. The Serious Fraud Office which brought the prosecutions said Anderson was involved in laundering £19.5 million through the Bahamas and the Isle of Man. Anderson fled the UK in July 1992

during the course of a series of

interviews with SFO investigators

who worked with the Metropolitan

in January and March 1993. He returned to Britain and surrendered to police custody in November 1995. The Crown case, headed by Peter

Rook, QC, was that Brent Walker funded its own profits itself and companies which appeared to be independent, were falsely put forward as genuine third party customers. One of the so-called independent Police fraud squad. Warrants for his companies was UTM Jersey to which

more than £10 million of profits were booked. Anderson was paid by the Brent Walker group for covering up the fraud and on at least three occasions collected bearer bonds and cash worth £700,000 from Geneva which had been laundered through the Bahamas and Liechtenstein.

Last night Anderson, who was con-victed on a 10-2 majority verdict after 26 hours of deliberation, was in custody pending a possible sentence today.



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### Tunstall declines

Tunstall Group, which provides specialist communications for the healthcare sector and social services, suffered a decline in pre-tax profits to £8.19 million, from £9.6 million, in the year to September 30.

to £8m

Comparable results for the previous year were helped by an exceptional credit of £1.35 million, but Michael Dawson, chairman, admitted that the results were below

expectations.
Tunstall shares fell 32½ p. to 26lp. In spite of a fall in earnings per share to 17.7p, from 21.1p, the total dividend is increased by 14.5 per cent to 5p a share with a 3.32p final.

### Strong pound hitting Crown

Crown Products, the crafts, toys and giftware company, yesterday said that the current strength of sterling would affect profits of its flagship Hong Kong subsidiary.

With 40 per cent of sales denominated in Hong Kong or US dollars, the company gave warning that the currency impact, together with costs of merging two of its acquisitions, would leave profits below expectations.

Crown's shares, which joined the Alternative Investment Market at 50p last September, plunged from 33'2p to 17'2p yesterday, but partially recovered to close at 22½p.

### Lovell loss

YJ Lovell, the housing and construction group, reduced its losses in the year to September 30, as it paid off half of its E54 million debt and sold its non-core businesses. Although sales fell to £254 million (from £301 million), a sharp drop in administration costs and a £1.39 million profit from disposals cut pre-tax losses to £11.8 million (losses of £32.4 million). A housing recovery in south-east England helped, but the overcrowded market maintained pressure on 32.5p a share (84p loss). There is no dividend.



James Tuckey, chief executive of MEPC, said that the performance of the property company's UK portfolio was much as expected

the recession of the early 1990s. The CBI said shoppers

were now more careful, and

more cautious about price.

with strong competition

# **Confidence of retailers** at its highest since 1988

HIGH STREET retailers yesraise their spending in the run terday forecast a good Christup to Christmas." in spite of high street confisuggesting a slight slowdown dence continuing to increase, with a net balance of 37 per Retail sales volumes slowed cent expecting their overall position to improve - the

slightly in November, against expectations, the latest distributive trades survey from the Confederation of British Industry showed yesterday. But confidence among retailers is at its highest level since 1988. CBI figures showed that the

net balance of high street outlets reporting an increase in sales fell from 55 per cent in October to 48 per cent last month. But high sales are forecast for this month, when 53 per cent are expecting greater sales volumes.

CBI leaders pointed out that the three-month moving average figure remained broadly steady, at 50 per cent.

Alastair Eperon, CBI distributive trades survey panel chairman, said: "The upward trend in underlying sales remains encouragingly steady and consumers are expected to

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to 36 per cent of companies surveyed. The CBI also said that high street sales growth the late 1980s, which preceded Slowdown in car sales disappoints makers

the recovery in new car sales was halted last month with a 5 per cent year-on-year fall in registrations during November (Jonathan Prynn writes).

The sales dip came as a grave disappointment to car manufacturers, after October's record figures prompted hopesof a new economic boom. Last month's sales totalled 135,342, just under 5 per cent

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and fleet registration dropped The October figures, which were boosted by the Birming-

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a 5.4 per cent drop from November last year. Private

sales were down 6.1 per cent

had also been running for only. about a year, compared with two or three years of high growth in the late 1980s. On the basis of the survey of

15,000 retail, wholesale and motor trade outlets, the CBI said there was no evidence for any further rise in interest rates, with average selling prices in the shops rising at their slowest rate this year.

Retail sectors most closely related to the housing market. such as furniture, hardware, china, DIY and durable goods all saw some growth in sales compared with a year ago. Employment in retailing

continued to rise, after what CBI leaders said was a "significant" pickup in August, and investment intentions for the year ahead remained positive. Wholesalers' sales volumes picked up by more than ex-

pected, rising at the quickest rate since September last year. while motor sales improved only slightly in November, after modest growth in the

### **GM** to sell divisions of Hughes

FROM RICHARD THOMSON

THE defence and aerospace divisions of Hughes Electron-ics, the world's second largest defence electronics contractor. are being put up for sale by its owner. General Motors, for about \$8 billion.

The auction is expected to attract buyers such as Mc-Donnell Douglas, Raytheon and Northrop Grumman. The divisions being sold contribute nearly half of Hughes's total revenues and include defence electronics, missales, air traffic control systems and informa-

tion technology. Hughes said the sale would help it to refocus on the fast growing and increasingly lucrative satellite communications business. This includes its DirectTV satellite television operation which has been trying to break into the Euro-

pean market.

GM has been looking to spin off, or sell, Hughes which has been involved in many key technological developments, such as building the world's first laser, to concentrate on motor manufacturing. GM is expected to absorb Hughes's auto-electronics business but it may spin off DirectIV, analysts said. Last summer GM floated Electronic Data Systems, the information soft-

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### Writedown in US hits **MEPC** net asset value

BY MARTIN BAKER

MEPC, the property com-pany, disappointed the City with full-year figures that valued its property portfolio at 450p a share, a 7p fall in net asset value since last year.

The company declared it-self pleased with a 14 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £140 million, from £122.6 million, but some analysts remained sceptical about even this fig-ure. Critics pointed to a £4.3 million release of provisions arising from the company's withdrawal from the European market.

Much of the diminution in net asset value was attributed to a £31 million writedown of the Northridge Mall in Los

Angeles.

The mail has had to be rebuilt because of an earthquake, and the refurbished centre has yet to recover its Michael Blakenbam, chairman of MEPC, described the writedown as "the most disappointing event of the year".

per cent to 22.9p. A final dividend of 14.75p is to be paid on February 5, leaving the total unchanged at 20p a share. MEPC's shares immediately fell hack more than 2 per cent fell back more than 2 per cent on the news, and closed 12p down at 440 p.
There were few surprises elsewhere. James Tuckey, chief executive of MEPC, said

that "the performance of the UK portfolio, which accounts for 70 per cent of the group, is indeed where we would have expected it to be".

# Newmont bids \$2bn for Santa Fé Pacific

NEWMONT Mining has tabled an unsolicited all-shares takeover bid that values Santa Fé Pacific Gold Corporation at \$2 billion. The proposed combination would create the largest gold company in North America, Newmont said. Newmont, based in Denver, has sent a letter to the Santa Fé board in Albuquerque, offering 0.33 shares for each Santa Fé

Based on Newmout's share price of \$47.875 yesterday, the offer would be worth \$15.80 a share to Sante Fe shareholders. Santa Fe was trading at \$13.375 when both issues was halted on the New York Stock Exchange pending the proposed-merger amouncement. Ron Cambre, Newmont chairman, The combination of Newmont and Santa Fé Pacific would be a win-win proposition for the stockholders of both companies." A spokesman for Newmont also said Newmont had been in talks with Santa Fe "from time to time" but

### 'Unfair' ring-back

OFTEL, the phone regulator, told BT that it has unfairly introduced its ring-back service, which informs customers when a line they have called becomes disengaged. Don Cruickshank, director-general, said BT "unfairly favoured" its own business by failing to notify the industry that the service would be introduced. Oftel said customers may have incurred unwanted charges because they were not adequately informed that the service was not free. He ordered BT to compensate them.

### Treasury plans OEICs

THE Treasury yesterday produced plans to introduce European-style Open Ended Investment Companies (OEICs) to the UK, which could spark upheaval in the unit and investment trust industry. Treasury sources claimed that fund management firms may lose out unless they convert existing funds. "The whole OEICs package will offer much more flexibility to the investor," a Treasury spokesman said. OEICs offer a variety of classes of shares tailored to customers' needs.

### Rothschild rating raised

J ROTHSCHILD ASSURANCE has raised £12 million of extra capital from its founders to increase its Standard & Poor's credit rating. The increase in capital, through a subscription for redeemable preference shares by St James's Place Capital. Scottish Amicable and Sir Mark Weinberg, will raise the rating from B to BBB, in keeping with other insurance companies, such as NatWest Life. Sir Mark said it was being done to meet rating agencies' technical requirements.

### Hawtal issues warning

SHARES in Hawtal Whiting tumbled 29p to 105p yesterday as the car design company gave warning that it will do little better than break even in the second half. The company blamed the strengthening of sterling, continued poor US results and "an unexpectedly high level of quotation activity". Hawtal Whiting said quoting for new business had become significantly more time consuming and costly, but added that this would bring benefits through better programme control.

### **Surplus for Exchange**

INCREASED trading volumes helped the London Stock Exchange to lift its income by £11.2 million to £105.5 million in the six months to September 30. Costs were cut by 3 per cent during the period to £65.6 million, leaving the Exchange with provisions for the move towards an order-driven trading system next year, the London exchange reported a surplus of

### **C&W** appointment

CABLE AND WIRELESS is making Robert Lerwill its finance director in succession to Rod Olsen, who became deputy chief executive in July. Mr Lerwill, 44, is currently finance director of WPP Group, the world's largest marketing services company, whose businesses include J Walter Thompson. Richard Brown, the new chief executive of C&W, which operates in more than 50 countries, cited Mr Lerwill's expertise in international financing as his main advantage.

# THE GREAT UNIVERSAL STORES PLC **UNAUDITED RESULTS FOR THE** SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1996 HIGHLIGHTS

TURNOVER	. 1996 £1,211.8m	1995 £1,203.0m
OPERATING PROFIT	£191.7m	£193.7m
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	£235.6m	£237.5m
EARNINGS PER SHARE	15.5p	15.7p
INTERIM DIVIDEND PER SHARE	5.5p	5.0p
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As foreshadowed at the Annual General Meeting in October the unaudited accounts for the half year show turnover increased by 0.7% and pre-tax profit lower by 0.8%.

Trade continues to be difficult in the Home Shopping Division. The strengthening of the pound since September, if maintained at the year end, will have a significant effect on the translation of the results of the overseas subsidiaries, particularly South Africa and Holland.

Tracking performance for the second half is expected to follow the pattern of the first six months."

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LIGHTS

### ☐ British Gas cannot yet chart its future ☐ Tougher powers needed for regulators ☐ Green giant still to deliver gold

☐ IN PRINCIPLE, demerging British Gas was a good idea. But the world is full of ideas that are good in principle but do not work in practice. On the meagre facts available, the only certainty is that dividends would be slashed, perhaps from 14.5p to as low as 5p per share. If so, shareholders should note the plan down

should vote the plan down.

At British Gas, some things are moving so fast that plans become out of date almost as soon as they are made. Others, such as resolving the contract disaster foisted on the group by

disaster foisted on the group by Ofgas, are moving so slowly that they hamper any new strategy. Presenting meaningful proposals for shareholders to decide in February looks like an exercise in painting air in the dark. BG plc, the imaginatively named new holding company for the Transco gas pipeline system, North Sea gas production and overseas operations, depends critically on Transco's price limits and regulatory regime, issues

its and regulatory regime, issues now in the hands of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The MMC's rulings will determine future cashflow and profitability. They will also critically influence the sensible financial structure for Transce and different cashflows. structure for Transco and therefore BG's dividend policy. Richard Giordano, who would unfortunately remain chairman, proposes that the net current profit of Transco should be

# Turn off the gas plan

forecast any, when computing incompetence makes income a matter of guesswork, when its crucial overpriced take-or-pay contracts are still unresolved, and when their resolution might remove part or all of the More-cambe Bay field, its chief tan-gible asset? Centrica's potential value is as the distribution arm

of some future multi-utility.

Unless the MMC comes to conclusions radically different from those of Ofgas, there is no case for encumbering a potentially good but cash-absorbing energy production and monage. energy production and manage-ment business with a semi-nationalised utility from which same investors would wish to extract as much cash as possible as fast as they decently can.

Only by separating Transco as a separate quoted company, as the regulator always wanted, could its dire future be properly and usefully exposed. Its true

devoted to paying dividends. If cost of capital would then be that alone was used, dividends could be less than 6p a share before Ofgas depradations.

Centrica, the demerged gas supply business, would pay no regular dividend. How could it forecast any when commuting with loans at market rates, if Tranaco was not permitted a proper return. Only by establish-ing the true market rate for equity and debt can Transco persuade its regulators to allow

an economic return.

That would leave shareholders with one more dodgy piece of paper. As yesterday's plan suggests, however, their interests rarely coincide with the board's.

### Watchdogs need an eye on the ball

☐ THE great, the good, and the not so good among financial watchdogs gathered in London yesterday to dehate "City regulation in the 21st Century: Evolution or Radical Change?" They should worry about the rest of this decade first. this decade first.

A rumour swept the con-ference floor that Sir Andrew

### PENNINGTON



Large, chairman of the Securities and investments Board, whose lucrative contract was due to expire next April had won a further two years. First question: Why? Although an able operator, Sir Andrew has singularly failed to clear up the £4 billion personal pensions mis-selling scandal.

Having finally woken up to what was going on in the industry, the SIB passed the bulk of the work to the fledding.

of the work to the fledgling Personal Investment Authority led by Colette Bowe. The PIA was ill-equipped to deal with the massive problem and, despite its protestations to the contrary, is still struggling badly with the pensions review. It claims that PIA rules make handing out draconian fines and penalties for

foot-draggers a long-drawn-out process. But progress is what counts, not punishment. In any case, fellow watchdog Imro, albeit with a smaller workload on pensions, has handed out some stiff fines and harsh words. Yesterday's conference was also enlivened by the neat political jousting among regulators for top job under a possible Labour administration. Mike O'Brien, Labour's City spokes-

Labour administration. Mike O'Brien, Labour's City spokesman, gave little away beyond his tidy desire to fold all the watchdogs into one body.

Angela Knight, the Treasury Economic Secretary, still eschews primary legislation to change the Financial Services Act. As often argued in this column, however, watchdogs need tougher powers, not least to lessen reliance on courts.

Christopher Sharples, former

Christopher Sharples, former head of the Securities and Putures Authority, argues: "We now have a professional cadre of regulators. Practioners, while playing an important role, are no longer as mission-critical as they once were." If some regulators have come of age, they still lack tools to do the best job.

Uncertainty is also tempting the best to jump ship and join the private sector. That would be no help to investors.

### GrandMet yet to purge its past

☐ GRAND Metropolitan used to resemble its Häagen-Dazs ice cream — stylishly packaged and superficially exciting but at heart not nearly as sexy as the advertis-ing promised. Under John McGrath, its new chief executive, the group has fallen over itself to purge that disappoint-ment, neatly linked to former chairman Lord Sheppard, and convince the City that the virtues of brand building and bolt-on acquisitions are a bigger turn-on

than scattergun megadeals.
GrandMet has ruled out big
buys and has finally managed to
brush aside talk of demerger, for
the time being. Instead, it is
talking up the benefits of a share buy-back, although shareholders will not see any cash the board cares to return to them for at least a vear.

For all the dedicated pruning

by the new top team, the pre-vious sins of GrandMet still linger. It was forced to charge £550 million more "exceptional" losses in its latest accounts and there will be more as disposals continue this year. There are also near-forgotten basket cases, notably Inntrepreneur, which GrandMet is a long way from burying. Even Haagen-Dazs, epitome of the "new" GrandMet, is yet to make a profit in its European operations after 5 years. This is hardly reassuring as Pillsbury favourites start to be

promoted heavily in Europe.
The measure of the task is that GrandMet still earns less on its assets than its nominal com-bined cost of capital, even if the gap is starting to close. For all the attempts at reform, the ghost of the past is set to haunt it for another Christmas or two.

### Courtesy counts

DRUDE colonials Julian Treger and Brian Myerson did nothing for their image by failing to turn up for the extraordinary meeting of Greycoat they called as part of a campaign by their UK Active Value that has cost the stretched property company (300,000 to no apparent purpose, Kenwood Appliances, their latest target, will hope to avoid active value being destroyed by clumsy smash and grab tactics.

### **PowerGen** in £200m buyback

POWERGEN, the electricity generator, spent £202.7
million buying back 5 per
cent of its shares yesterday, its third buyback in
the past 12 months (Keith
Rodgers writes).

It bought 33.5 million shares through Klehrwort Benson and UBS at 605pa share, against an opening price of 57112p. The shares closed at 589p.

Powergen originally in-dicated that it would buy back up to 10 per cent of its shares when it announced the programme with inter-im results last month. The company refused to comment on further purchases yesterday, but analysts believe that it may buy a further tranche in spring. In the past year, Power-

Gen has bought back two tranches, worth 4.8 and 5.3 per cent of its share capital.

# Imperial Tobacco to step up expansion overseas

GARETH DAVIS, chief executive of imperial Tobacco Group, revealed yesterday that the company was aiming to accelerate its expansion internationally to compensate for the static UK cigarette market.

Mr Davis said that the 15p increase in duty on cigarettes, announced in last week's Budget, would put further pres-sure on the total market size in the UK, although he added that Imperial was confident of maintaining volumes.
Imperial, which makes

brands such as Regal, Embassy, John Player Special and Superkings, yesterday unveiled a 5 per cent increase in terest and tax, to £366 million. Turnover rose by 7 per cent to £3.8 billion, while the trading

margin rose from 46.6 per cent to 47.8 per cent. The results, which cover the company's last year as part of Hanson before its demerger in October, were well received in the City. Imperial's shares closed up 4'2p at 373'2p com-pared with an opening

demerger quote of 375p.

The international division led the improvement with a 55 per cent increase in profits to E70 million. JPS American blend continued to make inroads in France and Imperial now has a 4 per cent market share. Export sales of Golden Virginia also continued to grow, especially in Belgium. although the company said excise differences with the UK. The company added that it



Davis: aiming to cut debt

was continuing to build a solid foundation in Greater China and other parts of the Asia-Pacific region and had recentkings in South Africa.

In contrast, UK profits were flat at £303 million although

per cent to 38.2 per cent. Mr UK tobacco market away from higher price brands had benefited Lambert & Butler brands, which now account for II per cent of total UK

Imperial is facing 12 legal cases for smoking damages in the UK, including the first nowin, no-fee case led by Leigh, Day and Co. the solicitors. But the company said it is confident that it will ultimately see off the legal challenge.

Imperial inherited a debt pile of El.1 billion after demerger and Mr Davis said it is aiming to reduce this over the coming year using the company's strong cash flow.

There is no dividend.

# Hanson delivers dividend cut

HANSON, the conglomerate that recently demerged its tobacco and chemicals businesses, delivered a larger than expected cut in its effective dividend rate yesterday, as it reported full year pre-tax profits of £1.8 billion, up from £1.32 billon last year.

This year's figures were bolstered by an exceptional gain on disposals of £609 million. Fully diluted earnings per share were 25.6p. compared with 18.2p last year. A dividend of lp will be paid on January 10 for the first quarter, although the group is to discontinue its practice of announcing quarterly dividends in favour of semi-annual pay-ments. Andrew Dougal, finance director, said.

unbroken success. Hanson consistently delivered steadily improving dividends. The

break-up of the group has brought about a sharp cut in the dividend stream from the on-going companies. Hanson floated Millennium Chemicals and Imperial To-

bacco this autumn, and its energy group is due to be demerged by February. The building materials and equipment divisions will remain as the "new" Hanson. Mr Dougal said that the demerger was on track.

Within the group, building materials and equipment had to cope with "a tough year". ARC's profits slipped to £69 million (£84 million) Hanson Brick also reported smaller profits of £27 million (£38 million). In the energy division, Eastern performed above expectations, adding £303 million to an overall energy divison profit of £458 against Elő7 million in 1995.

### **Profits slip** at London Clubs

HIGH ROLLERS stayed away from London's casinos in the first half of the year, causing the interim profits of London Clubs to slip to £19.1 million, from £19.2 million last year (Alasdair Murray writes).

Alan Goodenough, chief executive, said that the company's middle and lower-market casinos had performed strongly, but profits at the up-market venues - especially the Ritz - had suffered because of a low win/drop ratio. London Clubs is on the verge of relocating the Ritz club to a new site in St James's Street, London. so that it can improve facilities.

Overall turnover rose 9 per cent, to £94 million. The interim dividend rises 5 per cent, to 2,625p, due on January 31.

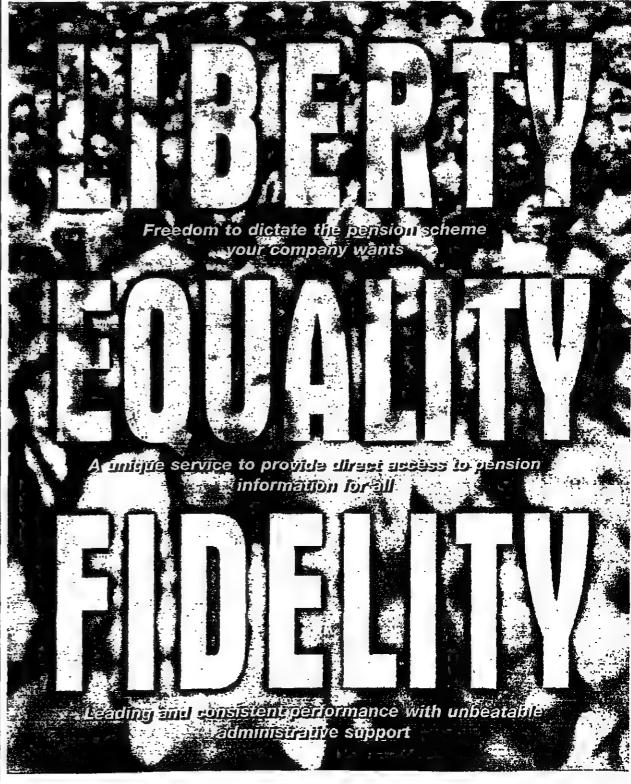
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# Reed shares slump after gloomy trading warning

Reed International took some of the edge off another robust performance by the London stock market.

Shares of Reed dropped 64p to £10.874 after touching £11.86 earlier. The fall came after a gloomy trading statement from Reed Elsevier, the company owned jointly by Reed International and Elsevier of The Netherlands.

The Anglo Dutch publishing group told the market that the pound's strength could wipe 4 per cent off pre-tax profits in the full year. That compares with the 2 per cent contribution currency transactions made to the outcome in the first six months.

HSBC James Capel, the broker, then added to Reed International's woes by downgrading its profit estimates for full year. It is thought Capel has lopped off £70 million from its original forecast of £960 million.

Earlier in the day, the equity market had been fuelled by positive news from a clutch of blue-chip companies and claims from Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, that he was in no rush to push up interest rates again. This had enabled the FT-SE 100 index to climb above its closing high of 4.073.1 achieved on October 21. It touched 4.076.0 before another opening fall on Wall Street took its toll. The index closed 6.0 up at 4,051.2 as turnover reached a healthy

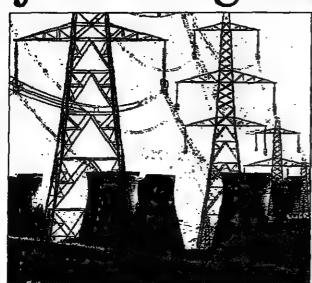
910 million shares. The market warmed to news from British Gas. The price touched 228p before settling 3p up at 217p after the company unveiled demerger proposals and announced it had unwound some of its costly "take-or-pay" North Sea

gas contracts. Under the terms of the deal, British Gas has agreed to fork out £293 million, allowing it to reduce orders for gas supplies by 28 billion therms in the next five years with a price reduction on a further £13.5 billion therms.

The group now has similar deals with other suppliers. The take-or-pay deals cost it about £500 million a year. British Gas has also published the timetable for next year's flotation of its trading arm to be called Centrica.

PowerGen also stood out with a rise of 172p at 539p after the arrangement for a

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PowerGen stood out with an increase of 172 p to 589p

buyback of 5 per cent of its issued share capital. Kleinwort Benson and UBS, the brokers, paid 605p for 33.5 million shares. A total of 37.4 million shares had traded by

BT was another firm market, climbing 13p to 399 p on the back of arbitraging be-tween BT shares and those of MCI in the US. Earlier there

the sale of the Government's remaining 81 million shares in the company. HSBC James Capel picked up the stake as part of a bought deal, but a large number of shares continue to overhang the market.

Full-year profits from Grand Metropolitan fell short of the billion pound mark although the figure was struck before an exceptional

Lloyds TSB lost an early 7p lead to close 62p down at 418p in spite of NatWest Securities raising its profit forecast for the full year and urging clients to add to holdings. NatWest has raised its forecast for 1996 by 5 per cent to £2.5 billion and for 1997 by 6 per cent to £2.9 billion. It sees the group as the most profitable of the banks.

were reports that MCI was about to sell parts of its operation to avoid upsetting regulators before the proposed merger between the two companies. Sir Peter Bonfield, chief executive of BT, picked 130,000 at 363p, or £471,900, as part of a remuner-

British Energy firmed ip to 14lp. The shares have been a weak market this week after

debit of £577 million. Brokers have begun downgrading their forecasts for the full year because of worries over the impact of strong sterling on profits. The price finished 102p lower at 446p. There were few surprises in

full-year figures from Hanson, with profits growing to ELS billion boosted by disposal gains of £609 million. Even so, there was heavy turnover

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traded as the price firmed 4p to 80p. Imperial Group, which was hived off earlier this year from Hanson, finished 4½p better at 373½p.

A profits warning left Crown Products IIp lower at 224. The extra cost of merging TAG and Levercrest is going to leave profits in 1996 below market expectations. The company is feeling the effects of a strong pound, which has risen 10 per cent against the Hong Kong dollar.

ceived a lukewarm response from the City, with the price falling 24bp to 65lbp as brokers again focused on the problems with the group's mail-order operation. Nick Bubb, retail analyst at Mees Pierson, the broker, said that the market had been carried away by the recent acquisition of Experian and gave a warning there was no quick fix for the mail-order business.

Cadcentre made an encouraging start to first-time trad-ing after a placing by Albert E. Sharp at 200p. Shares in the group, which specialises in 3D computer systems for cable projects, opened at 232p before racing up to 24op. The price eventually settled at 240½ p, a premium of 405p as almost million shares changed hands. News of an agreed bid sent Gradus 34p higher at 1592 p. Headlam Group, the floorcover specialist, is offering about 164p a share, valu-ing the entire group at £329 million. Headlam fell 5p to

GILT EDGED: Eddie George's apparent reluctance to raise rates again hit the spectre of higher inflation came back to haunt investors.

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In the cash market opening gains were quickly wiped out, leaving losses of more than El Was £116 lower at £103332.
☐ NEW YORK: Wall Street stocks were slightly lower in early trading, dragged down by a self-off in the bond market. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 2.61 points to 6,420.33.

# Cracks in the walls 13491.56 (+57.32)

AFTER six years of unchanged dividends, MEPC is probably heading for its seventh and investors might well wonder why they should wait for growth in 1998. The company had ready explanations for the underperformance MEPC could not predict the takeover of Broadway, the anchor department store at Northridge by a competing chain and the resulting closure of the main draw to its-California centre. Nevertheless, investors were previously unaware that Broadway owned its part of Northridge and the realisation that anchor tenants at MEPC's US shopping centres could, under special circum-

stances, quit the malls, is sobering. Earthquakes, real and metaphorical at Northridge, have put a huge damper on MEPC's big play on retailing in the US and the know it alls will nod sagely and repeat the

adage that America is a graveyard for British property developers. But excluding Northridge, America looks satisfactory with a 13 per cent total return. The return from Australia were only 6.7 per cent and the UK generated a mere 8.1 per cent.

There lies the nub of the problem. MEPC's average cost of capital is about 12 per cent, but, currently, the company's internal rate of return is clearly well below the threshold. On that measure MEPC is destroying, not creating value. Of course, the company is lumbered with dud properties from the past and new assets will yield better returns. MEPC is now targeting 12.5 per cent IRRs. But the question for investors must be: is it worth the effort? A business which yields a return marginally ahead of its cost of investing has not much to recommend it.

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LORD WOLFSON of Sunningdale's feet were barely under the chairman's desi before he announced the £1.2 billion purchase of Experian, the data suppliers. The deal made GUS look dynamic and purposeful and gave many in the City the impression that his arrival at Great Universal Stores had instant awakened retailing's mbering giant:

Yesterday came the undeasant reminder that it will take more than a few weeks and another man called Wolfson to reinvigorate GUS's mail order business. The weak South African rand was partly to blame but the hole in the first-half figures was mainly because of a 24 per cent fall in UK mail order sales.

Mail order has great no tential, but GUS is still in the

suring no one else got Freemans - and would be likely and demanding incentives. to attract a referral to the GUS, we were told, is now MMC. More effort spent on looking at various ways of seeking the right way into moving into the more profitthe niche catalogue markets able and fast-growing marwould be a far more producepitomised by tive use of time, and would Directory and Lands' End. It make the most of GUS's still is also looking at taking considerable cash resources. Freemans off Sears' hands.

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### Reed Elsevier

THE UNKIND have always said that Reed Elsevier is better at acquiring companies than managing them. The Anglo-Dutch publisher yesterday gave substance to the allegation with an end-ofyear trading statement that came close to a profits warning. It noted, among other things, that growth in elec-tronic publishing was still insufficient to offset declines in hard-copy publishing, and that the performance of its European exhibitions business was underwhelming.

None of these factors on its own constitutes a crisis. But collectively, they left the untaken its eye off the ball; analysts responded by trimming their forecasts.
Reed is good at buying.

chase, has reported steadily increasing profits and confirmed Reed's theory that its best prospects are in business-to-business electronic

years ago; Reed has made no significant acquisition since then, though rumours abound that it would like to. acquire CompuServe or Bloomberg. Unfortunately, the world and his dog can see Reed coming, and prices may well have to bide its time before it makes another splashy deal. In the mean-

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time, it should spend money on better managers. Imperial

IMPERIAL TOBACCO len the Hanson group crowned with laurels. Initial trading forgotten experience for Han-son shareholders — and at ly in the emerging markets. But for all the company's ny's stock higher — an almost one stage broke the 400p lev-el which many analysts sug-

gested was its natural value. Since then the share price has lagged its early success -

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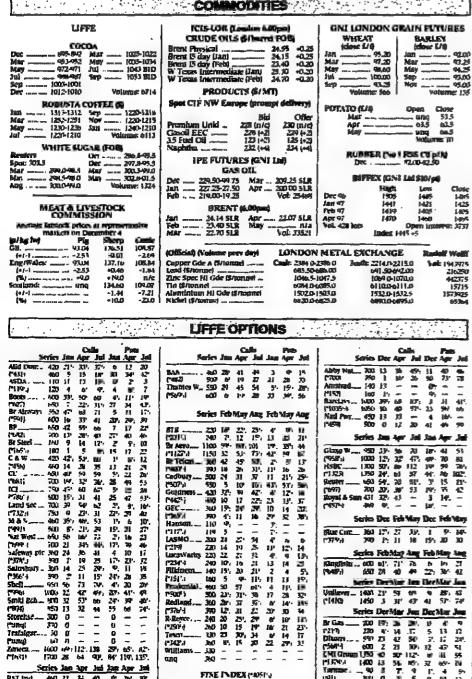
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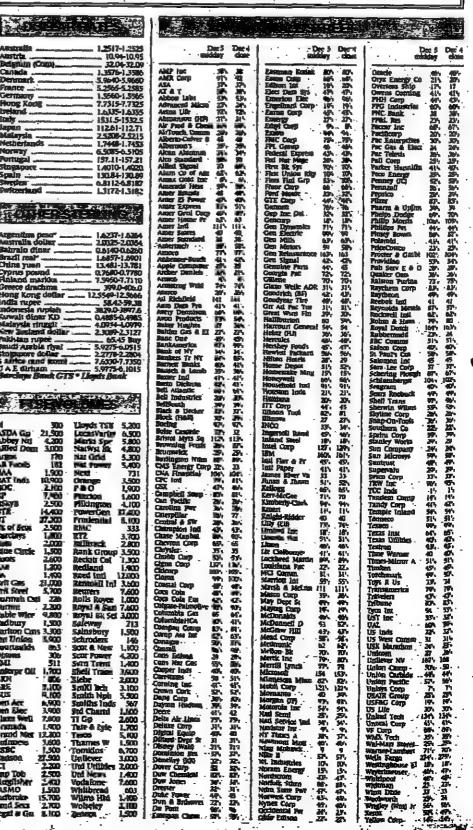
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### Swipe me, an identity crisis

AN IDENTITY crisis has broken out at the Registrar of Friendly Societies since the organis-ation saw fit to invest in a second-hand batch of security swipe cards, purchased from foreign

Employees have been spotted recently wander-ing around the fortress on Great Mariborough Street, wearing tags around their neck sporting the logo of the Royal Jockey Club of Hong Kong, among others. I am told that it is a costsaving exercise, bearing in mind that the Registrar is moving in the middle of next month to Victory House, in

The official line: "It's taxpayers money that

### £25 a brick

A SWEETENER for anyone unable to afford the seven-figure sum to have Sunderland Football Club's new stadium named after them. For a mere £25, soccer fans can have their name inscribed into one of the many bricks being used to build a "Wall of Fame" at the stadium. The Sunderland club's new home will cost £15 million to construct.

### Ho, ho, ho

BARE-FACED Richard Branson took his revenge at Virgin's Christmas bash in the King's Road this week. Pinned to a chair in the middle of the party was merly hirsute managing director of Virght Direct. Armed with razors, his guests took it in turn to take both the beard and a little of the smile off Gormley's face. Having had the offending facial hair since the age of 17, the cold shave couldn't have been comfortable. Fortunately for Branson, who ended up coated in shaving cream, an obliging side to wipe it clean away.



Rowan Gormley lost his beard at Branson's bash

### Socking it

SOCKS and aristocracy plan to make a powerful combination when Pex becomes London's first listed ple to quote its shares from next month on the new Euro market in Brussels. Pex, which is the largest manufacturer of children's socks and tights in the UK, is run by Andrea Cattaneo Della Volta, Marquess of Belforte, and a descendant of the tenth-century Doge of Genoa-

### Warming

BEARING in mind the SFO's improving success rate, this year's Christmas card from the crime squad leaves me with a warm glow. It is illustrated with the score of "Silent Night" and decorated in holly and ribbons. A footnote on the back tells recipients: "This card supports the work of the Federation of Prisoners Families Support Groups & NSPCC."

PETER Stringfellow has plumped for his old chum Sir Clive "C5" Sinclair to launch his nightclub on the Internet. In keeping with the festive season, old snakehips and Sir Clive will be accompanied by 75

gorgeous angeis". MORAG PRESTON



ANATOLE KALETSKY

# Will a stability pact simply repeat the folly of Versailles?

German demands threaten to put

a huge burden on the citizens of

those countries in a single currency

ing, even if they make our friends suspicious about our motives. Europe is approaching a fateful moment. The leaders of the European Union, meeting on Thursday at the Dublin summit, are entering the final stages of negotiation on Germany's demand for a "stability pact". This would punish countries that pursued economic policies deemed imprudent, according to the criteria laid out in the Maastricht treaty. If the 15 leaders reach an agreement on anything like the terms now being considered they will be setting Europe on a path that has been trodden in this century only once before.

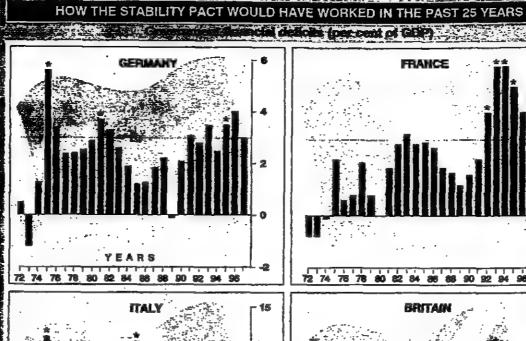
There is one precedent for a multinational authority to reach over the heads of elected European countries and levy fines directly on their citizens for alleged national defaits. This precedent is the 1919 Treaty of Versailles, which laid down a schedule of reparations to punish Germany for waging war against the rest of Europe. The "repara-tions question" dominated European diplomacy and economics throughout the inter-war years, as well as poisoning the internal politics of Germany and France. There are many opinions about whether reparations played a role in the rise of Hitler, in the hyper-inflation that destroyed the Weimar Republic, or in the great depression of the 1930s. But on one point virtually all historians are agreed; the French insistence that Germany must be punished by paying reparations was a big mistake.

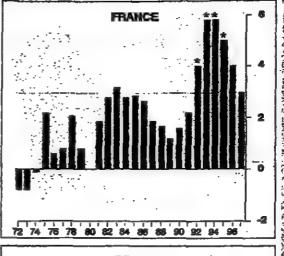
The question now is whether Europe might soon commit another such historic mistake. Even to an economist it is hard to grasp the political significance points that comprise the stability pact proposal. Members of the single currency will be fined 0.2 per cent of GDP, plus 0.1 per cent of GDP for every point by which the deficit exceeds the Massiricht reference level of 3 per cent. The only way to make sense of such abstractions is to put the figures into some kind of historical context. This can be done by asking two concrete questions.

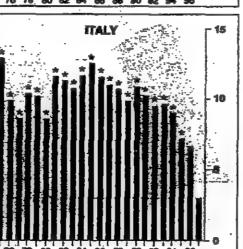
How much the main European countries would have paid in fines if the proposed stability pact had been in force over the past 25 years? And how would these potential exactions compare with the reparations paid by Germany after the First World War?

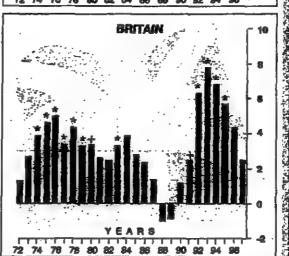
To answer the first question I applied the stability pact formula to the budgetary statistics for Germany, France, Italy and Britain from 1972 to 1996. It makes surprisingly little diffence whether we apply the German version of the stability pact or the slightly "softer" version backed by other governments. Italy, for example, would have paid maximum fines every year since 1972 under the German formula. Under the "soft" formula it would have paid exactly the same fines in 24 out of the ast 25 years.

The results of applying the "softer" formula to OECD figures for the past 25 years are illustrated in the charts. Germany would have been fined only once. The others would all have paid much larger fines: a cumulative 1.9 per cent of GDP for France; 4 per cent of GDP for Britain and 12 per cent of GDP for Italy. Converting these figures into dollars, the fines would have totalled \$25 billion for France, \$41 billion for Britain and \$122 billion for Italy.









How do we compare these figures to German reparations? There are two issues: first, to establish how much Germany paid and, secondly, to convert this into present-day money. Germany's

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dispute among historians, partly because some of the reparations were paid in kind (for example through the property expropriated during the French occupation of the Ruhri, and partly because German governments received large loans from America to help to make their payments. According to the Allied Reparations Commission

Germany's total payments were around

total payments are still a matter of

20 billion gold marks, or \$5 billion by the time Hider repu-diated all further obligations in 1933. German official estimates came to 36 billion gold marks (or \$8.6 billion). Against these sums many authorities have offset

Germany's foreign borrowings, most of which were never repaid. Since Germany's borrowings during the repara-

tions period have been estimated at 33 billion gold marks, net payments may have come to as little as 3 billion gold marks, or \$714 million.

These sums can be converted into today's money in several ways. The most obvious is simply to adjust for inflation. Since the value of the mark has repeatedly been wiped out by hyperinflation, this can only be done by looking at prices in the two leading countries with a history of price stabil-ity: America and Britain. American prices rose ninefold between 1928 and 1996, according to official figures collect-

ed by HSBC Markets. Using this multiplier, the present-day value of Germany's total reparations payments would be \$45 billion to \$77 billion. This is double the \$25 billion stability pact. But most of Germany's reparations payments were made with never repaid. The stability pact, by contrast, would specifically prevent governments borrowing to pay their

present-day value of Germany's 3 billion gold marks in net reparations payments would be only \$6.3 billion. That is roughly equivalent to the annual fines that France would have paid in each of the past three years. Another way of adjusting for inflation, which takes some account of the

Taking this factor into account, the

fact that asset values have risen much faster than consumer prices, reflecting the general rise of pro-ductivity and world-wide wealth, is to consider the value of reparations in terms if gold. This was how they were originally set by the Allies. Ger-

many's gross pay-

will be overcome by ments were between 20 and 36 billion gold marks, as mentioned above. A gold mark was defined as 6.146 grains of 900 fine gold, which meant that an ounce of pure gold was worth 78 gold marks. Germany's gross payments were equivalent, therefore, to between 256 and 461 million ounces of gold — worth \$95 billion to \$170 billion at today's gold

price. Net reparations, after deducting foreign borrowings, were equivalent to 38 million ounces of gold, now worth \$14 In terms of gold, therefore, Germany's gross reparations were considerably higher than the potential penalties for France and Britain under the stability pact, but very close to Italy's E122 billion liabilities if it reverted to its historical economic performance (or, more accurately, if it continued the

trends of the past 25 years). However, the real burden of Germa-

reflected in the net reparations, worth only \$14 billion in terms of gold. This was just half of the \$25 billion that France would have had to pay under the

In sum, the stability pact, even in the more lenient form supported by non-German governments, threatens to put Italy and other single-currency countries, a burden fully comparable with the one imposed on Germany by France after the First World War.

Apologists for monetary union will argue, of course, that history is irrelevant to the single currency's future performance. Governments that join EMU will make greater efforts to control their finances specifically to avoid the stability pact fines. This may happen. It may also could be wishful thinking. Virtually all economists agree that controlling deficits is harder, not easier, in a single-currency zone: govemments with no control over domestic interest rates or exchange rates have no way of compensating for shifts in demand. Indeed, it is no coincidence that all six of the years when France had an "excessive deficit" have occurred during the post-1987 period when the franc was tied to the mark. Britain, too, has suffered its biggest deficits during the ERM period and immediately afterwards. Simply to assume that the inherent instability of national budgets will be overcome by political "will" after 1999 is optimistic, to put it mildly. To risk reviving the mutual suspicions among the governments of Europe at each other's throats on the basis of such

Britain has the right to veto the stability pact, even if it chooses to opt out of EMU. But will John Major have the courage to use this power? Or will he simply wash his hands and allow the others to carry on with their folly - just as Lloyd George did when the French insisted on the madness of reparations at Versailles?

breezy assumptions borders on mad-

# Cash is king in today's gas market

Carl Mortished looks beyond the deal

struck on "take-or-pay" contracts

then the price of a commodity is low, the strongest playthe strongest playpockets. Sadly for British Gas (BG), the counter-parties in its negotiations over the notorious "take-or-pay" contracts are big cash-rich

Unlike BG, they are not womied about paying dividends or finding the funds to invest in new projects. Companies such as Shell and BP have plenty of money because of high oil prices and lower costs.

BG was trumpeting the deal with BP yesterday as an excellent investment, but remained coy about the details. It has spent a year chasing a group of suppliers waving valid contracts, all of which are different in price, volume and timescale. Yesterday, Richard

Giordano, chairman of BG, suggested that the deal over 6 billion therms of gas will be lucky if it proves to be so. BG admitted yesterday that, together, the BP and its own internal contracts represented only

10 per cent of the total. To **6** The devil is recap. BG's in the detail take-or-pay

problem in such matters 9 the dash for North Sea gas in the early 1990s when

it signed up huge volumes with producers under longterm take-or-pay contracts in anticipation of rapid growth. All these contracts differ, but operate on the principle that the buyer (BG) must pay for the gas at an agreed price whether or not

it takes delivery. Unfortunately BG then suffered a sharp decline in market share as the Government opened up the comand industrial mercial Competitors, including the main oll companies rushed to sign up customers, offering cheap gas. Finally a succession of warm winters and a surge in production caused the spot price of gas to collapse, leaving competi-tors able to buy gas for immediate delivery at half the 20p per therm average price BG was paying under its long-term take-or-pay

BG has been forced to pay for expensive gas it has been leaving in the ground. Yes-terday's deal with BP goes some way to redress the

Then the price of a balance, but only a little. BP took about 1.8 billion therms of unwanted gas back from the utility. That will not be a headache for the oil company; the spot price after the recent cold weather has been running at 20p per therm. BP is one of BG's cheaper suppliers and the gas utility is paying £293 billion to reduce the price a therm by

about 2p to 14p. Net of tax the cost to BG is about £200 million, which suggests that resolving the total problem might cost £2 billion. Moreover, were BG to reduce all its expensive contracts (those at 200 per therm or more) the utility would be facing a cost

nearer £3 billion. But in the smoke-filled rooms where BG thrashes out such deals, the devil is in the detail. Shell, BP and Esso have no reason to skin this particular cat to the bone. It is, after all, their biggest customer. They are ne, one that looks beyond Britain to the Continent.

In a few years, gas will be flowing through the interconnector to

The Netherlands and Germany, where prices are much

to secure market share. They will also be keenly aware that prices go up as well as down and that the UK's gas bubble will soon deflate, if it does not burst.

To seize the opportunities, the oil majors need ample supplies of cheap gas to sell. Therefore future deals will focus on Morecambe Bay, Britain's biggest gasfield. owned by Centrica, the renamed trading company. With £8 billion in the bank, Shell is unlikely to want cash, but with an eye to the future might like a piece of Morecambe Bay, a key part of the UK gas jigsaw puzzle. Morecambe operates as a "swing producer" ironing out peaks of gas demand and, therefore, has strategic importance to the gas market in Britain.

Even BP, which yesterday was waving an IOU worth £293 million, could become a buyer. Due to be paid next year, a cash-strapped Centrica might be willing to swap a promise to pay for assets underground. In today's gas market, cash is definitely king.

### Where did we engineers go wrong in figuring out the worth of our widgets?

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Engineers Sir. The engaging charm with which Nick Land, senior partner of Ernst & Young, explained away the average salaries of his 412 partners over the past four or five years - £200,000 per annum and rising - is to be admired.

I also accept that by comparison with at least one of his contemporaries in another major accounting firm his own salary of £425,000 plus is definitely "pauperish" - at that rate he will never, as he and a good job you'd have says, become a multi-million made of it too, Nick! They says, become a multi-million-

Windfall tax and

utility companies

From Mr Stephen L. Phillips

Sir, Pennington (November

15) criticises the utility com-

panies for distributing cash

ahead of a possible new Labour new windfall tax. But

surely it is their elementary

duty to put as much as

possible of their sharehold-

ers' assets out of the way of

From the President of the aire. Good Luck to them all, I say. If clients will pay the fees and perceive value for their money, then accountants, lawyers and similar professions should be paid these rewards. for their efforts in saleguarding client wealth and in keeping them clear of the law.

But the real sting was for me in the tail of your article (Business News, December 4), when Nick so honestly admitted that "I'd rather have made widgets. I could definitely have been running some miserable factory somewhere" -

uncompensated renationa-

I criticise them for acting so

on such a modest scale. They

should be distributing up to

the limit of their borrowing

capacity then replacing 99 per

cent of share capital with debt instruments, with a charge on

their company's assets. If a

windfall tax then bankrupts a

utility, the shareholders will

be protected and the Govern-

ment that has caused the

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would almost certainly have been good widgets and I'm sure the factory would have been at least a little less miserable for your presence.
Of course, Nick and his fellow directors would have almost certainly had a higher director/employee ratio to

deal with (Ernst & Young 1:16, industry 1:60) and salaries would have been less (average chartered engineer about £35,000), but it would have been "jolly good fun", while actually creating the wealth that industry provides to keep all those accountants employed. Nick, where did all we

problem can be left to pick up

If one of the utilities had an

overseas investment in a coun-

try likely to get a government

intending to expropriate its

assets, would Pennington ex-

pect the company to take all

possible steps to get assets out of that country? I suspect he

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### Suitable for the Goldfish Club From Mr George May

Sir, No doubt Annabel Geddes's gardener "surviving on social security benefits" would appreciate the odd crust from the Manor table. He may even have other sources from which a moiety could be derived.

My own part-time gardner (hard-working and much ad-mired) had been with me for several months before announcing that we shared the same broker. This he had gleaned from a discarded envelope. He would certainly be suitable for the Goldfish Club. The gasman may not be the

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# Windfall for directors after Gradus takeover



By KEITH RODGERS

TWO directors of Gradus Group. the flooring accessories and carpet company, stand to make almost E20 million in cash and shares after a £32.9 million agreed takeover by Headlam, the acquisitive floorcoverings and fabrics distributor.

Headlam's offer values each Gradus share at 164p, compared with Wednesday's closing price of

Gradus, which reported disappointing results for the first six months of the year, has seen its share price stay relatively flat since it floated at 122p in June 1995. Ken Symonds, 68, who founded Gradus with a £100 investment 30 years ago, stands to receive E5 million in cash and £10 million Headlam shares from the deal.

Lewis McDermott, who teamed up with Mr Symonds in 1986, will receive about £4.6 million for his stake, a third of it in cash. The two directors control almost 60 per cent of the share capital and have given binding undertakings to accept the offer, effectively ruling out interven-

tion by a third party.

Headlam, which has made two Dutch and two UK acquisitions this year, said that the takeover would

enable it to make a strong push into the contract carpets market, where it has only a small presence. It also gains control of Gradus's larger . dend for the year to December 31 of

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flooring accessories division. The company said that the acquisition would immediately enhance earnings. Its gearing is expected to increase to 43 per cent.

The move was broadly well received, although one analyst expressed some disappointment that the core strategic factor in the takeover, the contract carpets division, represented only a third of the

Headlam is offering 39 new shares

alternative, for every 100 Gradus shares. Gradus shareholders will also receive a second interim divi-4p per share, payable on January 6, 1997, making a total dividend of 5.8p per share (5.4p).

... in a trading statement, Headlamsaid that it had enjoyed record trading levels during the second half and intended to recommend a final 1996 dividend of 4.35p per share. making a 21 per cent increase in the total dividend to 5.8p.

Mr McDermott, Mr Symonds and a third director sold more than three million shares, worth nearly £4 and £55.21 in cash, with a loan note million, when Gradus was floated.

# Alvis steady despite fewer deliveries

PRE-TAX profits at Alvis, the manufacturer of specialist vehicles and equipment for the defence and aerospace sector, were little changed at £8.9 million in the year to September 30. compared with £8.7 million previously. The company blamed a lower rate of armoured vehicle deliveries at its Alvis vehicles subsidiary and loss of more than £2.5 million at Alvis Transmissions. Turnover fell to 190.4 million from 1101.4 million and operating profits were reduced to £4.93 million

from £6.3 million. However, profits at the pre-tax level were helped by an improved contribution from Avimo, an associated company. improved contribution from Avimo, an associated company, and higher interest receipts. Earnings were 10.1p a share [10p last time] and the total dividend is increased to 3p a share from 2p, with a 2p final (1.25p). Alvis ended the year with net cash of £26.8 million. Nick Prest, chairman, said the company's strong order book and balance sheet provided a good platform from which to go forward.

### **Exports boost Denby**

GROWTH of 60 per cent in exports spurred Denby Group, the Derbyshire pottery maker, to a record pre-tax profit of £6.1 million, up 28 per cent, in the year to September 30. Earnings per share rose by 27 per cent, to 12.2p, and the final dividend rises from 2.3p to 2.7p, due on January 15, giving a full-year dividend up by 17 per cent, to 4.05p. The company said that sterling's recent strengthening was "an issue" and that it is "taking appropriate measures to limit the impact".

### Abbeycrest glitters

ABBEYCREST, the gold and silver jewellery manufacturer, rose to £188,000 from £90,000 in the six months to August 31. Earnings rose to 0.5p a share from 0.3p, while £25.4 million turnover-compared with £22.7 million. Abbeycrest will pay an interim dividend of 1.3p (1.2p) on January 17. Michael Lever, chairman, said he was pleased with the company's further profitable growth, with the six-month period being one of positive change and development.

### Hornby back on track

PRE-TAX profits at Hornby Group, the model railway and toy manufacturer, recovered to £1.1 million from £272,000 in the six months to September 30 despite a decline in turnover to £13.1 million from £13.7 million. The interim dividend of 2p (nil) will be paid on January 30. Peter Newey, chairman, said a change in the mix of products sold led to the improved profit. He said a new operational management team was appointed in September to improve production efficiency and reduce production costs.

### Stake for Bardon

BARDON GROUP, the international quarrying and aggregates group, is poised for an investment in Brunteliffe Agregates, although a full bid is ruled out. Bardon has taken an option, expiring on January 3, to acquire 8 million Brunteliffe ordinary shares — representing almost 15 per cent of the share capital — and unsecured loan stock convertible into 5.05 per cent of the enlarged share capital. The purchase will be satisfied in £3.1 milition of new Bardon shares.

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### Norbain expansion plan

NORBAIN, the distributor of closed circuit television equipment, is targeting acquisitions in continental Europe as it lays plans for further expansion. The company, which also supplies alarm products, reported an 18 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to 52 million for the six months to October 31. with turnover rising 34 per cent to £43 million. The interim dividend is lifted 20 per cent to 3p a share, payable from earnings that rose 18 per cent to 12.49p a share.

### Syltone pulls ahead

SYLTONE, the transport engineering group, said strong demand in the Far East helped to offset weak markets in Europe and North America in the six months to September 30. Sales declined in southern Spain but rose in northern Europe. The company achieved a 46 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £2.6 million on turnover that rose 54 per cent to £39.4 million. The interim dividend is increased II per cent to 2p a share. payable out of earnings that rose 13.6 per cent to 6.69p.

# **GUS** eyes Freemans but fears a referral

LORD WOLFSON of Sunningdale confirmed yesterday that Great Universal Stores, the giant mail order group that he chairs, is interested in buying the Freemans catalogue business, but he fears a bid would run into monopoly

Lord Wolfson, who was speaking as he revealed GUS's first decline in profits in 48 years, also said that his long-term plan is to move the group, best known for its "bigbook" catalogues such as Kays, into the fast-growing niche catalogue business. GUS's control of about one

third of the UK mail order business would be "a handicap" if it decided to bid for Freemans, he said, but he did not rule out making a move.
"Clearly GUS would have to say it is interested in buying another mail order company in the UK because we believe the market is going to consolidate," he said. "There won't be eight major big-book players in eight years time."

Sears said earlier this week that it is discussing the sale of Freemans with various companies. These are believed to include Littlewoods, N Brown and Germany's Otto Versand, as well as GÚS.

If a bid from GUS were referred, the company would have to persuade the Office of Fair Trading to look at its share of the whole UK retail market, or the European mail order market, rather than the UK mail order market alone, Lord Wolfson said.

Lord Wolfson, who is also chairman of Next, took over at GUS from his cousin, Lord Wolfson of Marylebone, in the

autumn. Delivering his first set of results for the group yesterday, he unveiled a I per cent drop in pre-tax profits, to £235.6 million, in the six months to September 30. The figures were hit by the weakness of the South African rand against sterling, and a decline in UK home shopping sales.

He said that trade "continues to be difficult in the home shopping division", while the strength of sterling will have "a significant effect on the translation of the results of the overseas subsidiaries, particu-larly South Africa and

This gloomy outlook sent GUS's shares down 21 p, to 654 p. The £1.2 billion acquisition last month of Experian, the American information services business, should bolster group profits in the second half.

Lord Wolfson added that he wants to expand GUS's direct mail order business either through an acquisition, fran-chising of an established high street brand, or developing its own "aspirational" direct mail Lands' End or LL Bean from scratch. The recruitment of agents - the people who pass on orders to the company for a fee and who form the backbone of the traditional "big-book" business — has been slowed and the size of the average order has since risen,

Earnings per share slipped from 15.7p to 15.5p, but the interim dividend was raised 10 per cent, to 5.5p. It will be paid on March 27.

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BY FRASER NELSON A DISASTROUS attempt to the red after even more costs the red for five years - with a

warning in months from Forward Technology Industries, the troubled electronics and audio Forward switched over its American factory to making

more complex machinery for other companies, but found it was unable to meet their requirements. Yesterday's warning prompted a 31 per cent fall in Forward's market value.

The company, which in October gave warning that profits would be down, said it was now on course to go into

make use of spare capacity in from its 15 lossmaking con- return to profit in 1997. Forthe US has prompted a second tracts in the US. Its shares, ward said it has not taken on which have already nosedived from 100p to 39p over the past nine months, fell to a two-year low of 262 p yesterday, before closing at 272 p. down 112 p.

Kenneth Cobley, chief exec-utive, said the US failure had been compounded, with sluggish pre-Christmas sales for its Sound and Vision arm, but indicated that the damage would be limited to a small loss for the current financial

Analysts now expect Forward to make a pre-tax loss of £400,000 for the year to De-cember 31 — its first time in

any more work for other companies since August and expects the last of iossmaking contracts to be completed by January.

Mr Cobley said that prob-lems came after the company took on plastics-bonding orders for external firms to escape the pressures of its existing market. He added: "On the face of it, it seemed a good opportunity for us, but we got our fingers burnt. We will now be returning to where we were 18 months ago, when we were involved in no one's

business but our own."

# Expro sees robust industry

BY MARTIN BARROW

EXPRO International Group

the oilfield services company, enjoyed a 34 per cent rise in first-half profits and said the oil industry was in robust health despite the uncertain outlook for the price of crude. In the six months to September 30, the company, which came to market last year, litted profits to £8.04 million from £6

million. Expro reported strong progress in all regions, including America, where operations where established in mid-1995. Earnings improved to 9.5p

a share from 750 previously. The interim dividend is increased 15 per cent to 2.65p a share and will be paid on January 30. John Dawson, chief executive, said: "The oil industry is

in a state of good health. having got to grips with low oil prices over the last five years through downsizing, en-hanced technologies and outsourcing. In spite of current improvements in the oil price, our customers' longterm investment decisions assume flat commodity prices: also, they continue to prioritise environmental

Turnover advanced 34 per cent to £49.8 million. The North Sea accounted for turnover of £22.1 million, with strong demand for sub-sea and testing services. Two ex-tended well tests were con-ducted for Ranger Oil and Norsk Hydro.

Turnover in continental Europe was £10.4 million, while Africa and the former Soviet Union accounted for E9.8 million. Expro also undertook work in the Asia Pacific region.

Expro shares fell 2p to 450p. in March 1995.

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# Telstra sell-off given go-ahead

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

THE proposed A\$8 billion (£3.9 billion) privatisation of Telstra, Australia's telecommunications composity, finally got the go-ahead yesterday after the coalition government narrowly secured parliamentary approval for the sale.

The vote, which was won by 35 votes to 33, is a key victory for the Government, which had been battling for months to gain the support of two independent MPs who held

the balance of power.

The planned sale of a third of Telstra will be the largest public flotation in Australia's nistory and almost double the size of the Commonwealth Bank float that took place earlier this year.

The sale is the centrepiece of the Government's budget plans and is scheduled to get

under way next year. The Government's tactics to secure approval for the sale were condemned by the Opposition, which described its moves as pork-barrel vote buying.
In return for the backing of

the independent MPs, the Government yesterday agreed to increase its proposed A\$i billion environment pro-gramme by A\$100 million and to set up a A\$250 million fund to improve job opportunities in rural areas.

Telstra paved the way for the sale earlier this year with a Oper cent rise in full-year pre-tax profits to A\$2.3 billion and confirmation that it planned to axe 22,000 jobs over the next

Analysts have said that the possibility of industrial action could undermine the float.

**Courts aiming** to split shares

SHARES in Courts rose 15 per cent to a record high vesterday after the furniture retailer unveiled better than expected interim results and said it planned to split its shares (Sarah Cunningham writes).

Courts proposed a five-for-

Pre-tax profits, excluding an exceptional credit of £4.8 mil-

### KINGDOM OF MOROCCO MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS CONCESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSSHIPMENT ATLANTIC-TANGIER PORT

INTERNATIONAL OPEN TENDER FOR PREQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS POSTPONEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE BIDS DEADUNE

The bidders interested in the concession of the new transshipment Tangier-Atlantic port ar informed that the dearline to submit the prequalification documents initially fixed on December 23, 1996 has been postponed to February 10, 1997.

This postponement is to satisfy many candidates who expressed the need to have more time to get the required documents prepared. The duty filled in prequalification documents are to be sent, not later than February 10, 1997 at 3.00 p.m. to the following address:

### two split of its shares, which rose 185p, to £11.60, on the grounds that the price is high relative to most listed companies, inhibiting liquidity.

lion for last year, rose 142 per cent, to £9.6 million, in the half year to September 29. Sales rose 31.5 per cent, to £180 million. The interim dividend, due on April 11, rises 0.4p to 2.5p.

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# rdeliveries acquires French business for £18m

By Fraser Nelson

LOGICA, the computer services group, has taken its largest step so far in creating a pan-European network through buying a major. French software consultancy for £18.4 million.

Axime Ingenierie, which employs 1,000 staff across bourg, will become Logica's largest overseas subsidiary, adding sales of £41.1 million a

£60,000 in its last financial year, but Logica said that its value was enhanced by its contacts with blue-chip clients across France, providing vital

links with European business.

Martin Read, Logica's chief recurive, accepted that the French economy was in poor health, but said that Axime was ideally positioned for the predicted surge in spending on computer systems by European businesses. He said: "France has been a

serious gap in Logica's worldwide map. Axime's customers include lots of big names in France who are the very people we want to do business with."

If France subscribes to a single currency, he said, it will trigger demand for new software systems from banks and insurance companies, which account for 40 per cent of Axime's business. Over the next three years, the computer consultancy market is also expected to gain from demand from companies updating their computers to cope with dates beyond the year 2000.

The deal is being funded from Logica's cash pile, and through limited borrowings. Mr Read said that the company's gearing was still very low, eaving it capable of making more buys in continental

Logica shares closed yesterday at a new high of 889p, up

ters will remain in Paris, and there will be no job losses. After the acquisition, Logica's worldwide staff will rise to 4,800, across 20



Martin Read, left, and Andrew Given, finance director, are developing a pan-European network for Logica by buying a French software consultancy

# City trims forecasts as Reed warns of lower group profits

THE City scaled back its earnings forecasts for Reed Elsevier after the publishing group revealed tough trading conditions in several of its businesses. The shares of Reed International of Britain, which jointly owns the company with Elsevier of The Netherlands, feli 64p, to £10.874.

In an end-of-year trading statement. Reed said the businesses overall "are maintain-

By Fraser Nelson

VALUABLE contracts from St

Andrews and Gleneagles golf courses prompted strong fol-

low-up sales for Ransomes,

which returned record results

The growth of golf courses

across Europe stoked demand

in the year to September 30.

lawnmower company,

ing good organic growth" and that it remains "confident about the outlook for the year". But it cited several factors that, taken together, suggested group profits in 1997 would come in below

some analysts' forecasts. Nigel Stapleton, Reed's cochairman, said that the exhibitions business in Europe, particularly in France, has been "softening", although "softening", although growth is strong in the Ameri-

mowers, as its commercial

division saw profits grow by 8

But profits fell in its proper-

ty and consumer divisions, leaving overall sales flat at

£186 million. The £37 million

raised in a rights issue in

January helped to cut borrow-

ings from £66.6 million to

per cent, to £20.8 million.

Ransomes cuts its way to a record

less than one third of the division's business.

In the travel group, he noted that growth in electronic publications was still not high enough to offset the decline in revenue from their hard-copy counterparts. Reed does not expect growth in electronic publications to offset hardcopy declines until 1999 at the earliest. Mr Stapleton said that a £30 million investment

profits of £12.8 million (£9.2

The company blamed a late

and severe winter for the

slump at its consumer divi-

sion, whose profits fell from £483,000 to £100,000. The

situation had been exacerbat-

ed by a general slump of 20

per cent across the home-use

business in an online environment and to reverse the cur-

rent revenue trends". Finally, Reed noted that the recent rise in the value of sterling is not working in its favour. It said that about half of its profits are earned in dollars and Dutch guilders and that 1997 profits would be hurt by some 4 per cent if exhange rates for these currencies remain at current levels. The rise of sterling in the

Sales to park authorities in

France and Germany were hit

by a cut in spending, but

Ransomes said its share of the

market was maintained.

Earnings grew to 4.3p per

share (3.1p). A resumed final dividend of 0.75p brings the year total to 1.25p, payable on February 3.

now expects earnings of £870 million to £880 million. Reed made no comment about its acquisition strategy. The company has said that it intends to make a multibillion-dollar purchase in North America using the cash pile it has built from the sale of its consumer businesses. Reed made no significant acquisilawnmower market, it added. tion this year and is expected

already reversed a 2 per cent

currency translation gain in

The City consensus was that

Reed would report pre-tax

profits ranging from £920 million to £930 million next

year. Salomon Brothers, the

Wall Street securities house,

the first half.

to make a move in 1997. Mr Stapleton would not comment on speculation that Reed would like to buy some or all of Bloomberg, the privately held financial information group in America that competes with Reuters.

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# Kier flotation gives shares bonanza to employees

ABOUT 900 employee shareholders in Kier Group, the construction company bought out from Hanson in 1992, will see the average value of their original investment soar from £4,500 to £50,000 when the company floats on Thursday. NatWest Markets released Kier's listing document yesterday, with a placing price of 170p per share. That values

the company at £53.8 million. The company plans to raise E2.7 million by issuing 1.6 million new shares, which will be used mainly to redeem preference shares held by Hill Samuel Bank. Assuming the offer is fully taken up, employ-

ees will own 81 per cent of the company and Electra Fleming will hold 9.8 per cent. Colin Busby, Kier's chair-man and chief executive, said only 4 per cent of the total employee holding was being sold in the placing, realising £2.3 million. The directors, who will own 6.8 per cent of the

enlarged share capital, are not selling any of their holding. Mr Busby said the company was coming to market to redeem preference shares and unlock part of the employee shareholding. It has no imme-diate expansion plans for ac-quisitions, but felt the time

was right to float. Kier said the opening months of the current year, from July, had seen an increase in turnover in its construction and homes and property divisions.

Pre-tax profits have risen steadily over the past four years, from £5.6 million in the vear to June 30, 1993, to £7.3 million in 1996. Turnover in the same period increased from £512.2 million to £614.6 million. The placing price represents a multiple of II times historic earnings.

Mr Busby said the company's non-executive directors had recommended against splitting his joint role. However, he indicated that the option was being kept open.

Directors and other share-

holders controlling about 50

per cent of the share capital

have undertaken not to dispose of their shares without NatWest's consent before the announcement of the full-year results to June 1997 and to sell no more than 20 per cent the next year. Electra Fleming has also undertaken, with certain conditions, to retain its own holding at least until October

Hill Samuel stands to realise more than £2 million from the sale of shares and the redemption of preferences.

### Chrysler buyback fund \$2bn

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

CHRYSLER, the American auto manufacturer, yesterday increased its share buyback pro-gramme for 1997 to \$2 billion, from \$1 billion, and said it will increase the annual dividend to \$1.60 a share from \$1.40.

The company's share buyback programme now totals \$5 billion since it was started in 1995. Chrysler has repurchased 108 million shares and had 714 million shares outstanding at the end of the third

With the \$2 billion share buyback programme for 1996 completed, the board has authorised an immediate start to the 1997 programme, subject to market conditions. Robert Eaton, chairman, said: "The board are positive about the company's prospects and believe that based on the current economic outlook, the increased dividend is sustainable and the buyback can be accomplished while the company continues to fund its aggressive product and marketing programmes.

# TO DULL HIME

### NIE advances 9% at halfway FROM EILEEN MCCABE

IN DUBLIN

NORTHERN Ireland Electricity (NIE), whose price structures are being reviewed by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, yesterday reported a 9 per cent increase in interim pre-tax profits to £52 David Jefferies, chairman,

used the opportunity to reiterate NIE's argument that it can not deliver similar tariffs to other British companies because it does not have "the benefits of economy of scale and diversification of generation source".

In August NIE referred Ofreg's first review of its prices to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Its re-



Patrick Heran is raising the interim from profits of £52m

port is now due on March 17. The regulator had ordered NIE to cut its revenue by 31 per cent next year and to cap.

four years to two percentage points below inflation. NIE responded by offering a onceoff revenue reduction of 22 per

by a price cap of three percent-age points below inflation. After a series of bitter exchanges, the matter was referred to the MMC.

Yesterday NIE, where Patrick Heran is chief executive. said turnover in the six months to September 30 was up 11 per cent to £236 million. Earnings per share rose to 28.7p from 24.3p and the company declared a 10 per cent increase in the interim dividend to 5.5p, payable on March 27.

Mr Jefferies said the results reflected Northern Ireland's buoyant economy and insisted that although MMC recommendations would impact on income, recent efficiency and quality measures would benefit shareholders and customers.

### Greencore earnings up by 16%

FROM EILEEN MCCARE

GREENCORE, the sugar, milling and malting group based in the Republic of Ireland, yesterday reported a stronger-than-expected rise in annual pre-tax profits, citing improved sales across the full spread of its businesses. Earnings before tax rose by 16 per cent, to Ir£54.6 million, the company said.

David Dilger, chief executive, said that the high production rates of the current sugarprocessing campaign and the recent strengthening of sterling against the Irish pound augured well for the future. Greencore's sugar division remains its star performer, with operating profits of Ir 27 million in the year to September. Sales were up 5 per cent, largely because of increased exports.

Greencore's growing list of associate companies. Which includes Kears, the UK bakery, contributed just over 1r£5 million to the final profits tally. Earnings rose 10 per cent, to Ir25.3p a share. The company declared a 17 per cent increase, to Ir4.5p, in the final dividend, giving a total for the year of Ir6.8p (Ir5.9p), payable on February 17.







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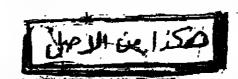
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# **EDUCATION**

# Driven to the wall by league tables

Graham Lacey gives warning of a dangerous trend which could threaten the existence of the independents

have been predicting the collapse of independent schools since the end of the last war, if not before. Thirty years or so ago, with a Labour Party red in tooth and claw (when it was in opposition, at least) they perhaps had good reason to believe it.

Since then, independent schools have gone from strength to strength. From the demise of grant-maintained schools to Thatcher's social revolution, which enfranchised a new generation of school fee-payers, they have flourished. Now, however, with no obvious threat, I believe they are in danger of being caught off-guard.

Independent schools have traditionally forged their identity from being "different", not only from the state sector but within themselves. Thus they have offered a genuine choice to parents. Now there appears to be an unstoppable trend, driven largely by market forces, towards a homogeneity that threat-ens to undermine the independent schools' most compelling justifica-

tion to exist.

There has been a steady development towards the removal of variety and choice within the sector. The sterness critics of singlesex or boarding schools would surely not dispute that the doportunity should at least be there for parents to choose between them

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But it has been the emphasis and the problem for independent has most croded distinctions dent schools is that they within the sector. While independent schools will continue partly to justify their existence on the ground that they set high academic standards, they have come up against the problem that this may not correspond, and perhaps even may conflict, with the priority they must now give to ensure a high position in the league tables.

The national obsession with exam results is doubly unfortunate for independent schools, for it has been responsible not only for removing the differences between them, but also between independent schools as a whole and their rivals in the state system. The horns of the two sectors are locked and the battle is being fought for the same prize. There is no guarantee that independent schools will emerge victorious.

A glance at the notorious league

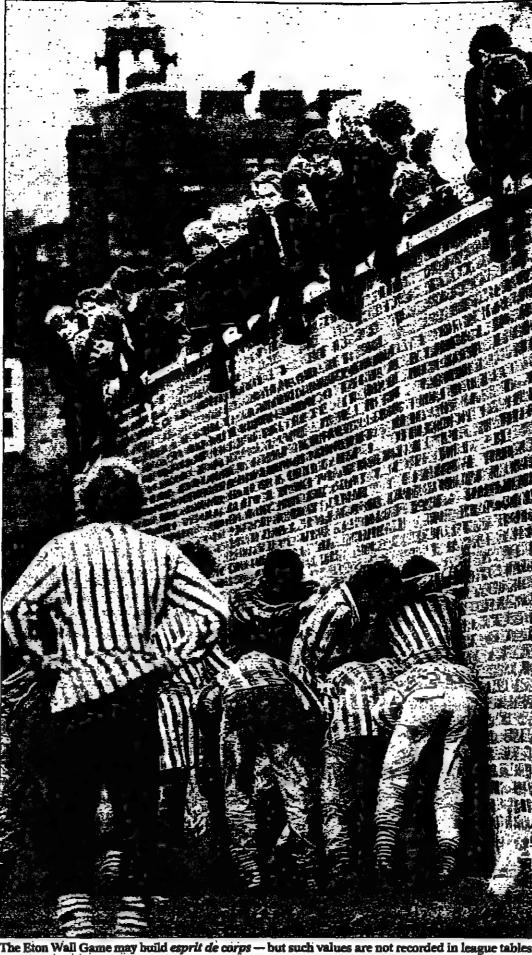
tables would seem to confirm this. Independent achools' domination of the top positions has, at least until recently, been maintained because they have had more resources to achieve good exam results, but also because they have been able to be more selective in their intake. While the first advan-tage may still hold, the second has been undermined by the pressing need to fill places at any price. Conversely, selection has come back into fashion in the state sector.

and its adoption does not appear to be confined to the Conservative Party. The emergence of the GMs has not only accentuated the problem of recruitment for independent schools but seriously challenged the assumption that they offer the best education, if quality continues to be measured by league table position. The recent success of the new state sector elite in breaking into the "premier league" has forced a reappraisal of the old assumption that independent schools, almost by definition, offer the best education.

The next generation of parents will be asking: "Why spend £10.000" a year on school fees when a similar and co-educational and/or day a year on school fees when a similar schools. The choice is becoming adducation can be experienced at the

have, until recently, built their raison d'être, at least in part, on values that no league table, "value-added" or not "valueadded", can assess. How does one measure esprit de corps, or selfreliance, or the value of a "rounded education" that provides the opportunity for an individual's potential to be tapped — a potential which may be displayed in the school concert hall or on the sports field as much as, or even instead of, in the

classroom? Such an education is being sacrificed on the "league table" altar. One does not have to work in



The Eton Wall Game may build esprit de corps — but such values are not recorded in league tables

the independent sector to know that extracurricular activities no longer have the place they used to, especially if they have to grind to a halt for most of the summer term to give way to the sitting of exams.

If the independent schools' future is to be secured they will have to sacrifice their market's short-term demands for a longer-term strategy for survival. This might involve a redefining of their identity and the use of their extra resources to offer. once more, something distinctively different, in process and product, from their rivals in the state sector. in the long term the market, fickle though it is, may start to look for an alternative dish to the blancmange

served up by the vast majority. The great educational changes of the past 200 years were not introduced on the basis of "customer demand". How many young-

sters, for example, wanted to go to school when an Act of 1880 made attendance compulsory? Yet who now would advocate its repeal? For the security of their own future as much as for the cause of education, it is time for independent schools similarly to buck the market and put education above economics and principle above popularity. • Graham Lacey is head of careers at Sevenoaks School, Kens.

# Bold new world where students' needs come first

Tony Evans argues against the evils of uniformity in mass university education

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dergoing seismic change which may not prove to the advantage of students. There are grounds for observing this with suspicion, as you might a pudding you're not sure you ordered.

A system that once channelled only a few through university gates and wastefully spurned the talents of so many has become one of mass university education. Where 7 per cent entered in 1960, and some 14 per cent in 1980, a third will enter between now and the millennium. That, in developing the nation's potential, is entirely laudable - provided consequences have been considered and calculated for students, and for the status of the university sector.

Few deny that spreading the benefits of a university experience across the population is positive, or that a nation is enriched by those who continue their education. You do not have to agree with Alan Coren that a university is not a university unless you can climb it with a chamberpot. But

university education to be synonymous with expansion

Must the pressures of such expansion cause the demise of the most brilliant? To nurture the quality and safeguard the provision of the most demanding courses for those who need such intellectual rigour must be a priority. Marathons are a

ass-entry business, yet elite athletes have their unashamed, privileged place in them.

You may expect the Provost of University College London to represent the need for an Ivy League. "Unless," he writes, "we have more selectivity we won't have any university able to compete with the University of Chicago or the Massachusetts Institute of Technology." When France expanded its university sector, did the status of its Grandes Ecoles suffer?

Already there is an unofficial Premier League of British univer-sities, and it is no doubt available for any hotel chain's sponsorship. This has developed with scant regard to the quality of student life, the quality of teaching and accommodation, the adequacy of grants, the spiralling drop-out rates, the conditions of work in libraries and laboratories, the threatened necessity for fees, the inevitability of students' part-time jobs, the com-parability and value of degrees. Universities' reputations can wax and wane and departments' strengths all the more so in the

universities' new academic trans-

fer market. How are pupils to How are their teachers to advise? And is there not a similar lottery in the matter of admissions?

For a variety of reasons the time has come to adopt a process of post-qualification admissions, as the association of every school and college has urged. Of course, such a systemic change would require compromise and adjustment by schools, examination boards and universities. But, in greater justice, economy and personal care, the benefits to the students — those whom the system purports to serve - far outweigh all other imperatives and vested interests.

There are other questions which must be boldly addressed and not left for coincidence to solve. Shall we move still further, on grounds of growing financial necessity, into attendance at the local university? What are the consequences which cultural shift might imply? Are we moving, through unplanned devaluation of the first degree, into the culture of the indispens-

able Master's degree? 'Must such Are we to embark irrevocably on a voyage of socially isolated computer-learning? How will that correct our reputedly national weaknesses in communication, team work and oral presentation? Will the answer to the lamented paucity of top-class engineers, scientists, mathematicians and linguists be found

by providing yet more degrees in Golf Course Studies or Floristry or modules on philosophy from Kant to Cantona?

And perhaps, we did not actually need such a rapid increase in graduates, many with dispropor-tionate, and therefore dangerously frustrated, expectations; perhaps, if we had scrutinised other international models and as the National Skills Andit confirms, we migh Thave felt that it was more at a lower and intermediate stage that our skills and flexibility were nationally so deficient. How is it such confusion can

occur, unless it has all been planned by someone deservedly obscure on Floor 25 who is manifestly a few entries short of a

Like London's, our educational skyline is not cohesively planned. No doubt Sir Ron Dearing is at this very moment peering at it all through his telescope. I trust he will focus first on the students.

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# Campaign breaks down the barriers

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Brewster report on the success of

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> schools to the disabled

drive to open up state schools to hundreds of A schools to hundreds of disabled pupils is set to win the backing it needs. Only thanks to the Schools Access Initiative is a picture emerging of the extent to which such children were prohibited from attending their local schools. In the next few days the Government will almost certainly announce that the initiative - which encourages mainstream schools to become more accessible to pupils with disabilities - will continue. In this, the initiative's first

year, the Government has provided £7.6 million which, with partnership funding, means that £10.6 million is available to local authority and voluntary-aided schools. Recognition of the need is the direct result of a campaign by the National Union of Teachers and the charity Scope. The campaign started in

1992, when both organisations realised that neither government nor education authorities knew whether schools were accessible to disabled children. Coopers and Lybrand was commissioned to investigate and its report, Within Reach, painted a bleak picture. A second survey revealed



Come on in: a disabled boy joins a mainstream class

cent of primary schools were completely accessible. A model was then costed which would ensure that half the secondary schools became totally accessible, and 75 per cent of primary schools could achieve 75 per cent accessibility.

Coopers and Lybrand con-cluded that it would cost £59 million for primary schools that only 10 per cent of

schools to achieve the targets. As a result of the survey the Government decided to conduct bi-annual access audits. one of which, earlier this year, confirmed that there is still a long way to go.

During this summer the

NUT and Scope became increasingly anxious that the funding so far provided was a secondary schools and 26 per and £251 million for secondary one off. Forty-five MPs from

all parties called on the Government to reaffirm its

initiative. Lord Henley, the schools minister, recognised the importance of the initiative but called for evidence of its impact. In just over a week Scope and the NUT received evidence from a large number of schools. Projects included the construction of handrails, ramps, new floors and storage spaces for electric wheelchairs. Others were using the money to improve access for pupils with sensory disabilities.

Most of the resources went to improving physical access. One high school in Hull reported: "It is difficult to imagine how the school could have coped without the essential alterations which had to be made (ramps and a toilet for the disabled) for our first severely physically handi-capped pupil."

But the funding may not be enough. A telling letter from a school in Liverpool illustrates the limitations of bidding arrangements which favour matched funding from outside sponsors: "This school is situated in an area of huge economic disadvantage . . . the community can do very little to help itself without financial

Another school summed up the collective feelings about receiving a fraction of their original bid. "We have only just made a start. The school's commitment to disabled access is for all five or seven years of a pupil's stay here. I hope the Government's commitment is for more than one

Virtually every letter we received recognised the symbolic as well as the practical value of the funding. The initiative is unique because it has involved co-operation between the Government, a organisation, schools and local education authorities. It will be for the new government after the election to decide whether to maintain a continuing commitment to a

project which has provided

young people who otherwise would have been denied them. Doug McAvoy is General Secretary of the National Union of Teachers. Richard Brewster is the chief executive of Scope.

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■ CHOICE 3



VISUAL ART

VISUAL ART: A fine show of work by psychiatric patients comes to the Hayward. Plus galleries

# Very sane inside insanity

n 1919 the German psychiatrist Hans Prinzhorn set in motion major changes in the treatment of mental patients when he started to collect their art, a selection of which is on show at the Hayward Gallery.

The entire collection amounts to more than 6,000 works by patients of psychiatric hospitals throughout Europe. Included in the exhibition are paintings of pneumatic women and religious revelations, intricate drawings of mechanical inventions and ornamental decoration and photo-

graphs of sexual fantasy. Prinzhorn's interest in such art was unique when he began working at the psychiatric clinic at Heidelberg University in 1919. He had a doctorate in art history and rescued the work from the diagnostic clutches of his colleagues. who regarded their patients' art as rubbish. Prinzhorn even wrote thankyou letters to some patients and gave

them presents. Such sensitivity was virtually unheard of in many lunatic asylums, where patients generally had to resort to drawing or painting on the back of envelopes, toilet paper, margarine cartons or scraps of cloth. But Prinzhorn wanted to make a name for himself. The collection was the basis for his book Artistry of the Mentally Ill, in which he related the patients' ilinesses to their creations.

The book became a bible, not only for psychiatrists, but also for many artists, since Prinzhorn placed the importance of individual emression over the traditional beliefs of the art establishment. Consequently The Miraculous Shepherd by August Natterer, an electrician from Ravensburg, is reflected in a collage by Ernst, while the faces in the religious watercolours of August Klett, a wine merchant born in Heilbronn, inspired Emile Noide in depicting apostles. Jean Dubuffet even set off to find other psychotic art in mental institutions himself.

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ros has been numerous,

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collection was a gift to the Nazis in their attempt to discredit modern art. Prinzhorn died from typhus in 1933 and Nazi doctors once again claimed that a "lunatic" could not be capable of real art. "Lunatic art" from the Prinzhorn collection was then hung side by side with work by artists such as Nolde and Klee to point up the similarities in an exhibition of Degenerate Art which made a four-year tour of Germany and Austria.

Worse still, a number of the "lunatic" artists were deemed incurables and dispatched for extermination. Among

them was the businessman Josef Heinrich Grebing, from Magdeburg, whose collages - mixing watercolours and words, maps and magical symbols might easily have been done yesterday: as might the handsewn

jacket of Agnes Richter forigin and fate unknown), embroidered with autobiographical texts: Surprisingly enough, because it was regarded as ridiculous, the collection itself survived the Nazis. In recent years, thanks to artists such

as Georg Baselitz, it has been retrieved from obscurity, conserved and extend-

ed. Baselitz appears particularly influenced by the murderous crows and imbecile pheasants of the locksmith Johann Knopf. Like most inmates, Knoof, who died in an asylum in 1910, was diagnosed schizophrenic. Yet he managed to portray, on purloined scraps-of office paper, an extraordinary draughtsmanship, imagination and an enduring sense of humour.

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back to painting. On balance it seems rather a pity. Marina Henderson, II Langham Street, SW10 (0171-352)

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THEATRE 1

Serious questions get the funny treatment in David Schneider's play, The Eleventh Commandment



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. while the RSC curiously decides to revive Molière's misogynist satire, Learned Ladies





MUSIC 1

The veteran singer Anna Tomowa-Sintow demonstrates staying power at the Wigmore



■ MUSIC 2

... while Yuri Temirkanov leads the Royal Philharmonic in an enchanting programme

THEATRE: A provocative first play from alternative comedian David Schneider; plus Molière revived by the RSC

# Jewish jokes and tragedy

mented first play, the runs like this: "Thou shalt not give any posthumous victims to Hitler." And according to the British-Jewish mother who dominates her estateagent son and her bowed and almost speechless husband, this means ensuring that her descendants do not deviate

an inch from the faith, the traditions The Eleventh or the blood of her forebears. To marry an outsider is to help Commandment Hampstead to finish Hitler's

work for him. Serious stuff, difficult stuff; and Sheila Steafel, playing a figure who might have been the merest caricature, sustains dignity and a certain gravity even when she is parading attitudes her author finds maddeningly extreme. Yet Schneider performs on the alternative-comedy circuit, and the overall tone of his play is humorous, in a stricken, surreal sort of way. After all, it opens with a winged angel in a dirty mac arriving at Abraham's Thirties suburban house in order to tell him to beget the Jewish nation

But the opening scene also finds Schneider himself in a chair that ) has come either from Mastermind or Sing Sing, quivering helplessly as he is arraigned for being 30, single and childless. He himself plays estate-agent Dan as a goofy, toothy nerd desperately trying to escape a mother who fills his flat with plastic cartons of food and materialises in bed, wearing an overcoat and a sniffy expression, when he is trying to find sexual oblivion with a sexy shiksa.

The shiksa is Tracey Lynch's Christina, who comes of Ulster

schneider's funny but tor
Character a chance of love and Schneider the playwright an opportunity to broaden his theme. In a climactic scene at (where else?) Ma's dinner table, the young woman gives a robust answer to the charge that she will stand aside while some future Nazi herds Dan into a cattle truck. She accuses her

accuser of racism and Orange style bigotry; and it is clear that she has her author's wary

sympathy. In effect, his play is asking the same questions about reli-

gious traditions and making the same plea for marital freedom as the Royal Court's current East is East, Which concerns English Muslims. But Ayub Khan-Din's piece strikes me as less contentious than The Eleventh Commandment. Schneider maintains a respect for

Dan's mother, he clearly thinks she is exploiting the Holocaust and obsessively playing the victim in order to control her son. The play, you feel, is the protest of one Jewish generation against another. Again, this is edgy, tricky stuff; the piece also displays its

ewishness in its refusal to keep laughter at bay. The characters include a bumbling Moses, a Ghost of Christmas Past embarrassed to find himself in the wrong play, and two cops dedicated to "making sure that Jews remain Jews". I'm not saying that Schneider and his director, Matthew Lloyd, are wholly successful in reconciling serious ideas with comic situations; but together they have created a divert-ing and provocative evening.

> BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



And lo, there appeared an angel in a dirty mac from left, James Clyde, Jeffrey Segal and David Schneider playing it for laughs

## Girls don't just wanna have fun

The Learned

Ladies

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THIS is a curious play to be given a major production at this time in the history of the world. Molière's ridicule of the intellectual ambitions of women has its place in the history of ideas, and the programme notes go to some pains to assure us that we do not have to see the play as an anti-feminist satire. But Molière introduces no female character who is not a) disguising her ignorance behind an inflated style of talk, or b) renouncing all interest in science, philosophy and literature because

herself to a man This is not to say that Steven Pimlott's production, transferred from Stratford, contains

no pleasures along the way. Philaminte, wife of the mildtempered philistine Chrysale, has selected the self-satisfied, transparently trashy Trissotin (Roger Allam at his most unctuous) as her pet poet and is determined that he shall marry her younger philosophy and literature because daughter, Henriette (Jane Gur-what a woman should do is devote nett). The girl is in love with a begins the play in costume and

decent chap who once courted her elder sister. Armande (Niamh Cusack), who may

now be posturing as a learned young lady but is just a jealous woman at heart. Alison Fiske is enjoyably absurd as Philaminte's sister-in-law

Belise, and John Quayle, in his first season with the RSC, is endearingly apologetic as Chrysale, the gentle worm that turns.

changes everyone into modern dress for the second half, presumably to suggest that we have these feminist posers with us today. At the close Caroline Blakiston's hitherto implacable Philaminte stares in dismay at the daughter whose proper care she has neglected and gazes at us as if for

guidance. But what could we say

to a woman who has been forcing

unwelcome marriages on her

children, and claims to have seen

men on the moon?

JEREMY KINGSTON

## Magical tour of toytown

WE WERE promised a "Magical Evening for the Royal Philharmonic concert on Tuesday night — broadcast live by Classic FM — and that is exactly what we had. With Disneyland Paris the sponsors, it was wholly appropriate to have a programme of French music on the themes of childhood and enchantment. But there was magic, too, in the way these players delivered the goods.

After a period in the doldrums, the Royal Philharmonic has begun to transform itself once again into an elite body. The silky sheen of the strings is a precious asset, while both solo contributions and ensemble work in other departments impressed throughout the pro-

CONCERT

RPO/Temirkanov Barbican

gramme. Indeed, it was only a matter of bars into the first item. Ravel's Mother Goose suite, that the RPO strings, under Yuri Temirkanov, whisked us into a makebelieve world of ravishing loveliness. Fauré's Dolly suite demands similar tenderness and received it here, with Temirkanov avoiding any hint of sentimentality with his well-sculpted phrasing.

In Bizet's Jeux d'Enfants suite the orchestra's virtuosity came to the fore. The cornet solos in the opening March were crisply delivered by Gerry Ruddock and Brian Thomson, while the spinning top of the "Impromptu" displayed admirable ensemble playing.

One of Temirkanov's great tal-ents is that of an entertainer, and there was dry wit in his account of

Dukas's Sorcerer's Apprentice.
Ravel's La Valse evokes the world of the Straussian waitz, only to whirl it in a vortex of post-First World War angst. Temirkanov and his players were suitably alluring in their Viennese garb, making the final descent into chaos all the more chilling.

BARRY MILLINGTON

RECITALS: A long-delayed, exuberant debut, and a tribute to a kindly critic

#### HAVING waited for at least 50 years to make her Wigmore Hall debut, the great soprano Anna Tomowa-Sintow doubtless felt free to celebrate the occasion exactly as she pleased. At the fourth or fifth encore - I lost count - her pianist Helmut Oertel was unceremoniously pushed aside, and the great glittering powder-blue presence sat at the piano and accompanied herself with abandon in one of several impassioned folksongs, presumably from her

native Bulgaria. This gesture came as the natural climax to an evening of characteristically expansive performance. Tomowa-Sintow's unaffected rapport with an audience showed itself immediately in an introductory group of Tchaikovsky songs — and then came Brahms. The voice has lost none of its power over the years; though its potency is now more than ever an emotional one. With a little of its natural bloom faded, and its sureness of intonation occasionally faltering, the voice refuses to sacrifice ardour for mere accuracy.

# Free as a

Some slight hardening in the extremes of her vocal register was moderated by brightly animated words, and by the fingers of Oertel, whose nuances of colour in songs as different as Brahms's Sonntag and Richard Strauss's Morgen was eloquently supportive. Tomowa-Sintow is one of this century's great Strauss interpreters: her Marschallin in Der Rosenkavalier was vividly recalled in Freundliche

Those, like me, who remember Peter Stadlen, who died earlier this year, as the unfathomable chief critic of The Daily Telegraph and a kindly senior colleague, teasing one's callow critical responses in pungently Viennese tones, knew only a fragment of the

He was also the pianist who

had studied with Webern and shared the concert platform with Kathleen Ferrier. This, too, was the man who fled to England in 1939 only to be transported to Australia where, in his internment camp, he put on a perfor-mance of Handel's Israel in Egypt. His life was celebrated on Tuesday in a Wigmore concert organised by the An-

glo-Austrian Music Society.

He was never one to give his audiences or his readers an easy ride. True to form, this concert began with the relay of an uncompromisingly dense talk he had given on Radio 3 in 1980 in which he described Webern's own instructions on the playing of his *Variations* Op 27. Stadlen had premiered the work in 1937, and his recorded performance from 1948, together with his words,

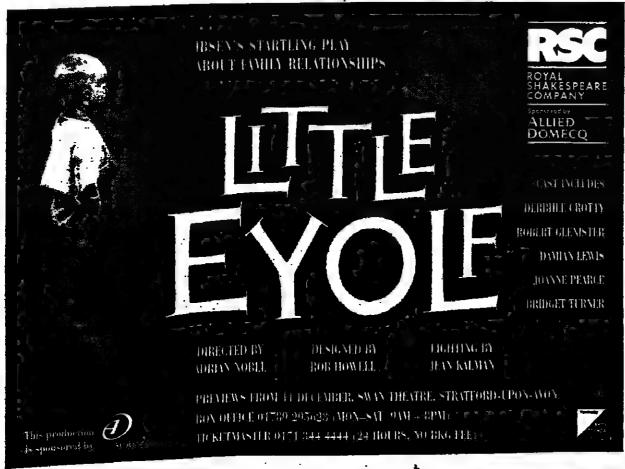
Christoph Berner's way with Schoenberg. The Viennese pianist gave a lucid and affecting account of the Three Piano Pieces, Op 11. Berner's performance of Beethoven's last piano sonata, which ended the concert, was also something of a revelation: it had a fearless strength of purpose, and a clear-sighted vision which only just stopped short of the sublime.

Romantic.

heart: Berg's Three Early Songs and a group of eight by Schubert. Stadlen would have been delighted to witness Imogen Cooper, daughter of his senior colleague, Martin, as the eloquent accompanist to the young mezzo-soprano Jane Irwin whose voice is, as yet, more focused than her Lieder interpretations. Stadlen would doubtless have offered a word of kindly advice. His words, his music-making and his

HILARY FINCH







POP 1

Oddballs from Buckinghamshire, but at least Tiger offer something that isn't derivative



■ POP 2

.. while Judie Tzuke, the one-woman record industry, excels on Under the Angels





POP 3

but The Hoax stray off course with Unpossible, after the bluesy. promise of their first album



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## The first Noël that isn't more like Liam

Good news for lovers of good music - just for once, you do not have to hibernate this cool yuletide

Christmas shopping yet? You have? So you'll have heard I Wish it Could be Christmas Every Day quite a lot, then. And Merry Xmas Everybody. And Rockin' around the Christmas Tree - not the old annoying version, but the horrid, faux-wacky version by Mel Smith and Kim Wilde, replete with "off-the-cuff" remarks and that ultradepressing bit where it all stops, and then starts again.

Given the plague-like prevalence of these records, you will doubtless be longing to purchase a large truck, drive the length and breadth of Britain collecting every single pressing in existence, before dumping them in a large pit, covering them in brandy, dropping a match, and watching them burn blue and red and melted. There would then follow a period of insane, pagan cele-bration, followed by an almost post-coital calm, as the realisation sinks in that Top Shop and Woolworths are now safe to enter once again, free from "joiliness" and anything approaching a singalong.

Christmas records seem designed to bring out the Scrooge in everyone. Any record even vaguely associated with Christmas has had the bloom of joy rubbed off ft, as you are forced to listen to it against your will. At office parties, already too drunk to salvage your pro-motion; in over-crowded pubs, sitting cramped and silent among all the bacchanalian abandonment; while fighting your way around shops full of rioting consumers, all buying bathcubes for people they hate; in the

background, while your ex-tended family issues divorce proceedings over the pud-ding. I doubt there is a single person in Britain who has come home from work and put on, by choice, Lonely this Christmas, by Mud. We all hate Christmas records. We just haven't realised yet that



**MORAN** 

Christmas songs, reflecting what Christmas really invokes in us. A couple of albums full of vague melan-choly; drunken self-pity; re-lief that you've got a week off work; insane hope that it might snow; a nagging feel-ing that believing in God might actually make you happier; and indigestion. Luckily, the more interesting record shops will be able to supply you with records that fulfil all these needs. You could start with Just Say Noël (Geffen Records). which surprises you with the revelation that indie-country music is astonishingly Christmassy. Portions of the royalties go to charity, which makes Just Say Noël the ideal thing to spend your bread-sauce money on. Because, admit it, bread

sauce is horrible. The album includes the delights of the Posies' pedalsteel racked Christmas (made all the more heartbreaking by guestwailing from Velocity Girl's Sarah Shannon), which recalls the darker, twangier mornents of Out of Time. Purther in. Remy Zero do that country misery thing on their Christ-mas to deliriously weepsome effect. Elastica's brooding Gloria is carol singing with flick-knives and bower boots; while Beck's The Little Drum Machine Boy admirably replicates the queasy pride one feels after existing purely on fun-sized chocolate pars for three days.
Of course, the original

Christmas songs — carols — understood the yuletide mixture of party joy and terri-fied, doomed misery perfectly. O Little Town of Bethlehem, The First Noël, God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen and Away in a Manger are some of the most beautiful, throat-swelling songs in existence, and the edgy ma-nia in God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen predated the paranoid euphoria of (What's the Story) Morning

Glory? by a hundred years. The other great thing about carols is that they suit women's voices far better than most pop or rock, something New York's Roches understand. Three sisters who harmonise like angels cover all the abovementioned carols, plus 20 others, on We Three Kings (MCA). The title track is lushly gothic, augmented with a tender oboe and, yup, restless country guitars. The swooning "Oooohh" that leads up to the choras is unterly thrilling, and knocks Mary's Boy Child by Boney M into an annoyingly cheer-ful Santa hat.



# New stars of a rare stripe

We are Puppets (Trade2/Island 524 316 £9.99) AT LAST, a new British group that does not immediate remind you of an old British group. Having contrived to make a debut album with no obvious Beatles or Bowie influences and using no specific punk, pop or rock act's sound as a blueprint. Tiger have aiready won a rare moral victory long before the ques-tion. Are they any good?

rears its ugly head.

The downside of such re-

any of the familiar reference ints, it takes a few hearings to latch on to what the five piece from Buckinghamshire

are all about. Their untutored, low-fi approach, which involves lashings of heavily fuzzed guitar and a lot of whooping and yelping, produces its best results on such as My Puppet Pal and Sorry Monkeys.

Another piece of the jigsaw

that refuses to slot into the oddball lyrics. In Shamed all Over, Dan Glaister puts a typically eccentric spin on the old theme of boy/girl communication breakdown: "She's a Belgian and I can't even spell her name/Whoa, yeah, and she can't understand me."

It is almost as hard to work out what Tiger are driving at, but at least it is different, and it sounds like fun.

JUDIE TZUKE

Under the Angels... (Big Moon BM 001) JUDIE TZUKE has bravely taken to running her career as a cottage industry. The Eng-lish singer with a voice like cool honey enjoyed a peak of popularity with her 1979 hit single Stay With Me Till Dawn, which was followed by a string of Top 20 albums. Now she has started her own mail-order record label and, as well as being the principal artist, it seems she is also head of press and promotions and chief packer. As a result, Under the Angels . . . is avail-able (£13.50) from PO Box 347,

Weybridge KT13 9WZ or on the Internet at http://www.bogo.co.uk/pat/ However, anyone who imagines that musical corners may have been cut in the surprised. Tzuke seems to have poured herself into the task, heart and soul. Whether expressing regret and even extreme bitterness, as on I Never Liked the Way you Looked or in the grip of an emotional panic attack (With-out Love), there is a simple honesty about her words that complements the soft-focus arrangements of her billaby

THE ROAX Unpossible (Code Blue/East West 0630-16639 E15.49)

THE Hoax were something of a novelry back in 1994 when they burst out of Wiltshire with a debut album, Sound Like This, that updated the high-voltage. blues-rock sound of the late Stevie Ray Vaughan. Unpossible, the follow-up, finds them way offcourse in an ambinous but misguided attempt to progress beyond their muso roots and create an album with a broader commercial appeal.

Thanks to songs such as Let it Ride and Got it Bad, which mix road-hardened rock riffs with whimsical touches of progressive funk, they now sound like a poor man's version of the Spin Doctors.

of pseudo-Zen philosophy clumsily inserted into lyrics such as Emperor's New Clothes: "You can see the cherry on top/So you're gonna lose a slice of the cake". On heavier tracks it simply sounds as if they have been listening to soo many Robin Trower albums. What the Hoax need is less of the twitchy tempo changes and almost pop tunes, and a re-turn to the driving 12-bars that got them started.

BJÖRK (One Little Indian TPLP51 £12.99)

HALFWAY between a vanity project and a cash-cow, the remix album is a questionable exercise at the best of times On Telegram, the brief is to transport a bunch of previously released songs, most of them from this year's Post album, into an alternative electronic reality. Even allowing for the inclusion of acoustically re-recorded versions of Hyperballad (with the Brodsky Quartet), isobel and My Spine, the result is a cold, detached and resolutely unmelodic collection of doodies masquerading as an

In its most extreme form, as with the distorted, random percussion effects which dominate the Further Over the Edge Mix of Enjoy, the pro-cess can render the number virtually unlistenable.

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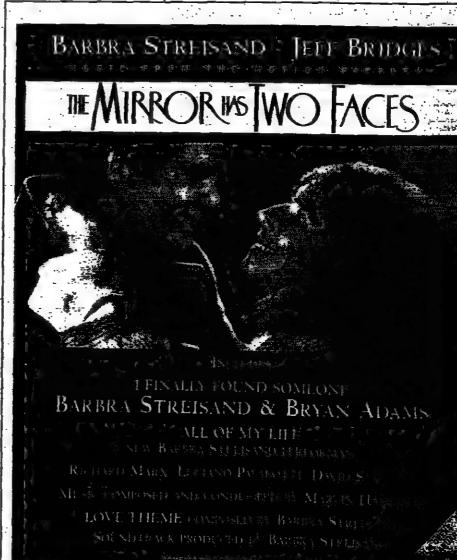
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■ POP 5

Miss Ross turns on the charm: Queen Diana sets out to woo Britain all over again



POP 6

The gangsta-rap of Snoop Doggy Dogg is outclassed as Wembley enjoys a night of black American music





**JAZZ** }

John Zorn delves into Yiddish klezmer music for inspiration on his fine new album Masada



**JAZZ** 2

. while the Mike Westbrook Band draws fruitfully on many traditions on Bar Utopia

# Beauty and the beast

AN event such as Super Jam 1 would once have found its natural London home at the old Hammersmith Odeon. Clutching my crampons and mint cake for the climb to row W on the eastern face of Wembley Arena, I noticed empty seats and wondered if this impressive black music package had over-reached it-self. But Wednesday's unfilled spaces had more to do with. inder-promotion than punter addifference, and last night's second arena show, the first to

be announced, was a sellout. Early signs from the stage were not encouraging, as New York soul sisters SWV appeared with a 33 per cent reduction in staff, Leanne Lyons having suffered a family bereavement. Recalling most cited influences

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Super Jam 1 Wembley Arena

this meant we were now down to the equivalent of Diana Ross and one Supreme. Still, Tamara Johnson and Cheryl Gamble gave an undiluted performance of upperclass urban hits such as Right Here and You're the One.

The stage reset with admirable speed, the stakes were immediately upped by Blackstreet, whom producer Teddy Riley has crafted into the most fully rounded R&B group of the day. They opened with a theatrical For from the outstanding album, Another Level. As on their last visit (two years ago, to dear old Ham-mersmith), Blackstreet invited favourable comparisons with the likes of the mighty Temptations. The breakthrough single No Diggity was boldly delivered and ecstatically

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approximation of the same of

received. All of which soulful stuff left Snoop Dogg Dogg out on a limb as the incongruous gangsta-rapping bill-topper. Tracks from his new US No I album Tha Doggfather were to the fore, with guest appearances by fellow stars Warren G and Nate Dogg. Nothing much to change the image of gangsia-rappers as overpaid braggaris wandering around the stage shouting and swearing, but that, it seems, is what The audience wants.



Call use Miss Ross: Diana Ross likes to keep a tight rein on what she does in her career and how she is represented in public — "You can get a reputation from asserting yourself, but . . ."

# Why Diana still reigns Supreme

ike most of the rest of us, Diana Ross is frenting about being behind in her preparations for Christmas. managed to get to Harrods,\* she confides, "but it was so noisy that I could only stay a short while - my ears are very sensitive. Yet I need to get organised, and I could never let

someone else do my shopping."

Certainly, her schedule while briefly in London is so tightly packed that you feel almost apologetic for being a part of it. "But we're here for a reason, so it's OK," she beams, not needing to add that the reason is to sell a new single, and to support a recently released compilation album of earlier ballad hits. And experience must have convinced both her and her record company of the wisdom of treating us to the full-on Diana experience.

Bring her in to guest, glamorously begowned, on certain key television variety slots - Des O'Connor's show has proved particularly lucky - and, bingo! Suddenly, songs too subtle normally to win daytime radio-play become chart-toppers.

Britain's love affair with pop soul's first ever diva has endured partly because she has consistently matched our fantasy of how such an entity should look, partly because her light and fluid voice has been able to adapt to changing musical fashions, and partly because she has, by her own admission, "somehow always been a magnet for good songs". The cumulative effect of this triple-whammy allows Ross, now 52, still to compete here in a marketplace dominated by female singers of a very different stylistic persuasion — the vocal showboaters

for whom technique is all.
"I admire the girls who can do it," she insists. "But you need an incredible set of pipes to carry off that sort of riffing, to play around with the notes in that way, and it's not the way for me to sell a lyric to ce. When I first started singing, I had a really small, nasalsounding voice, and though it's matured as I've matured, I know that I've been lucky just to have

Alan Jackson falls under the

irresistible spell of the favourite

always had some distinctive quality that has allowed people to recognise me. Like most popular singers. I've never studied music. And I certainly

diva of pop-soul

never think about technique." This apparently sincere self-assessment, and her consistently friendly manner, are at odds with

> **6** Like most popular singers, I've never studied music 9

the imperious and temperamental star of media legend — she who not only must be obeyed, but also addressed always as Miss Ross. She sighs. Yes, she has felt misrepresented. Yes, it is like finding oneself turned into a cartoon. "And for a while it hurt, but now I accept it. It's strange how easily negative labels are attached to women who want to exert control over their own careers or take responsibility for how they're represented."

And that is exactly what she wants. Her children are the chief priority, she says: eldest daughter Rhondda, 25, from a relationship with Ross's first mer founder Berry Gordy, is an aspiring jazz vocalist; sisters Tracee and Chudney, 23 and 21, from a first marriage to press agent Robert Ones You Love, is released on Monday

Silberstein, also have showbusiness aspirations; sons Ross, nine, and Evan, eight, from her current marriage to Norwegian businessman Arne Naess, live with her on a Connecticut estate and in New York, where she plans her work commit-ments around their school lives. "But after all of that, I look to be in control of my own work. And sometimes that means saying, 'No, I just can't sing that song'. You can get a reputation from asserting yourself like that, but . . . "

Ross shrugs her shoulders to dissociate herself from such negative thoughts. She prefers positivity. 'I'm an ideas-orientated person. I'm aiways working on lots of things at once. I want to live my life, to use it up. I read educational or inspira-tional works. And I make time every day to sit and be quiet. You have to make the space to recharge."

There is an essential pragmatism to her, though, an acceptance of the fact that even positive thinking and inspirational texts cannot influence every aspect of her life. For example, while she remains a consistent hitmaker in Britain, she does not attempt to rationalise why her American chart career has long been dormant. Also, despite an Oscar-nominated movie debut as Billie Holiday in Lady Sings The Blues, she acknowledges that this parallel career has not gone entirely as she would have hoped. "For years, I walked around Hollywood with the Josephine Baker story, but couldn't make it happen. Eventually I had to let go." But right now, it is time for her

close-up. "Photo sessions don't work for me unless there's music — it brings me alive," she says, rising from her chair, a supertoned, supercharged figure in Donna Karan black. As she diverts back to her hotel room in search of a suitable tape, passing staff-members step aside and bow. Even when experienced fleetingly, Ross's diva effect proves an impossible act to resist. ■ The compilation album Voice of Love

## Using their religion

JOHN ZORN Masada

(DIW-915) THE speediest way of locating the music on this consistently vibrant and challenging album is to describe it as klezmer - traditional Jewish PAUL SEXTON | music with its roots in Eastern

man. John Zorn, often cited as the archetypal jazz post-modernist for his restless, channel-hopping eclecticism, here focuses his attention firmly on a single musical subject, described in the alburn's dedication to Zionist pioneer Asher Ginzberg as a 'new Jewish cultural

renaissance". The resulting 11 Zorn com-positions, whether superficially jaunty dances or graceful, angent laments, bring out all the considerable musicality of his quartet — trumpeter Dave Douglas, bassist Greg Cohen and drummer Joey

Baron — but, more importantly, they dramatically emphasise the cogency of to show off its superb ensem-claims made by figures as ble and solo skills, but also claims made by figures as diverse as Britain's Klezmer Swingers and the American avant-garde clarinettist Don Byron concerning the contin-uing relevance of the Jewish roots of jazz.

KEITH JARRETT Mysteries: The Impulse . Years 1975-1976 (Impulse! IMPD-4-189) FEATURING the celebrated pianist's American quartet in two marathon (contract-fulfill-

ing) recording sessions sandwiching the same band's more famous ECM recordings, Survivors' Suite and Eyes of the Heart, this intriguing four-CD set documents both the extraordinary rapport of saxo-phonist Dewey Redman, bassist Charlie Haden and drummer Paul Motian with Jarrett, and - just as absorbing - the tensions that precipitated the band's demise.

At its best, the quartet produced irresistibly joyous music in which Jarrett's vigorous lyricism was tellingly counterbalanced by the free-dom Redman and Haden had exploited in their time with Omette Coleman's groundbreaking acoustic band. Towards the acrimonious end of the group's life, however, the lightly dancing Jarrett themes had been replaced either by Motian's free-floating compositions or by Redman's strongly Coleman-influenced pieces, and the romanticism so promment in Jarrett's solo work was submerged in the resultant democratic freesfor-all. As

Europe — filtered through a study of both musical and early acoustic Ornette Colepersonal group interaction, this is a fascinating and richly rewarding set.

> MIKE WESTBROOK ORCHESTRA (ASC CD13)

COMMISSIONED by the 1995 Bath International Festival, with lyrics by short-story writer Helen Simpson, this seven-part meditation on various aspects of the Utopian vision is the latest in a series of projects by composer/pianist Mike Westbrook and singer Kate Westbrook. Their intelligent use of text

to draw together music from all parts of the tradition not only enables a big band

confirms the Westbrooks' status as Britain's leading practineglected sub-genre: jazz-cabaret. Thus the blues, Latin rhythms, straightforward swing and a climactic New Orleans-type free-for-all are all woven, courtesy of Simpson's deceptively simple lyrics and Mike Westbrook's elegant score, into a coherent, thought-provoking but readily accessible whole.

BOBBY PREVITE Too Close to the Pole (Enja ENJ-9306 2)

THE latest in a series of adventurous, bright and accessible albums from the New York-based drummer, Too Close to the Pole features the current edition of Bobby Previte's septet Weather Clear. Track Fast on five Previte originals and a stately arrangement of The Countess's Bedroom from Tchaikovsky's Queen of Spades.

Previte's compositions stress textural variety and the slow journey towards bustling climaxes over jazz's conventional theme-solos-theme structure, but fans of everything from avant-rock through minimalism to the woozy rumbustiousness of Charles Mingus will find something to their taste in this heady brew of spurting solo horns, rowdy but smart ensemble work and chattering

CHRIS PARKER





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the case as VWF, included second-

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Two preliminary issues, heard together by the judge, arose:

i From what date, if at all, ought

the defendant to have recognised

that work with the tools gave rise to a foreseeable risk of VWF? The

judge's answer was January 1, 1973.

2 From what date, if at all, ought

that precautions to guard against that risk could and ought to have

been taken? The judge's answer was January 1, 1975, in respect of

warnings, system and routine examination and January I, 1976 in

respect of rotation of jobs.

The judge had held that the defendant should have been on notice that there might have been a problem of a significant incidence of VWF following the production of a survey on VWF as an industrial disease in the coal mining industry.

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by Dr Milne, deputy area medical officer for North Yorkshire, in

Thereafter, the judge held, that

with such notice the defendant should have conducted a spidemiological investigation

among its employees and after making allowance for the years required to set up the investiga-tion, then conduct it and evaluate its findings, the defendant would on the balance of probabilities have been provided with clear exidence that from the con-

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## Duty of care to parent company triable White finger injury risk •

Barings ple and Another v Coopers & Lybrand (a Firm) and Others

Before Lord Justice Leggatt, Lord Justice Swinton Thomas and Lord Justice Munnmery

[Judgment November 22] Where a parent holding company claimed a direct relationship between it and the auditors of one of its overseas subsidiary companies. that a duty of care was owed by those auditors to the parent com-pany, separate from any duty auditors, that was a serious issue

The circumstances showed the present was a proper case for service of proceedings out of the jurisdiction on the auditors. The Court of Appeal so held in a

reserved judgment dismissing the appeal of the fourth and fifth endants, Khoo Kum Wing and S. J. Tan, against the dismissal by Mr Justice Chadwick (The Times August 13) of their applications to set aside service on them outside the jurisdiction of a writ issued by the plaintiffs, Barings plc, in administration, and Bishopscourt Ltd. in administration and provisional liquidation, formerly Barings Securities Ltd. and also ssued against Coopers & Lybrand, Chaly Chee Kheong Mah and Po'ad Bin Shaik Abu Bakar Mattar, the first, second and third defendants. Leave to serve the writ out of the jurisdiction was granted by Master Barratt on January 23. Mr Sydney Kentridge, QC and Mr Philip Sales for the fourth and fifth defendants: Mr Stanley Burnton, QC, Mr Rhodri Davies and Mr Richard Gillis for the

LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT said that Barings, the English holding company of a group, was based in London and did not trade on its own account. The second plaintiff (BSL'), an indirect incorporated in the Cayman Is-lands, had he business based in

Regina v Mahmood

Reasons November 28

Justice Curtis

Before Lord Justice Hobbouse.

Mrs Justice Bracewell and Mr

Where an application was made by the Crown under section 74 of the

1994 to admit a co-accused's plea of guilty to rape in evidence before the jury in the trial of co-defen-dants, it was essential for the trial

Judge, before granting that application, to know the basis upon which the plea had been

made to enable him to identify the

ssue to which the plea was said to

for the second and third defen-

dants; the first defendant was not

ducted securities and futures trading. The plaintiffs had brought proceedings against their accountants, Coopers & Lybrand ("C&L"). The second and third defendants were Singaporean partners in Deloitte & Touche, the fourth and fifth defendants partners in Coopers & Lybrand Singapore . ("C&LS"), a Singaporean firm associated with C&L.

Barings Futures Singapore Pte Ltd ("BFS"), an indirect subsidiary of BSL and so of Barings was incorporated in Singapore and traded on the Singapore International Monetary Exchange.

The plaintiffs in their action sought to blame their auditors for the collapse of the group on February 26, 1995, attributed to unauthorised and loss-making trading by Mr Nicholas Leeson. general manager of BFS between 1993 and 1995.

Before Mr Justice Chadwick the fourth and fifth defendants con-tended Barings had no good cause of action against them, and that even if it did, England was not the appropriate forum for the trial of the action. Because the action brought by the liquidators of BFS against C&LS in Singapore had since been stayed, C&LS no longer maintained their argument about

His Lordship, having set out details of Mr Leeson's unauthorised trading, said that at no time during the audits of BFS's consolidation schedules, prepared for the purposes of the group accounts, did the auditors detect or report on the unauthorised trading or the losses in which it resulted. On the contrary, those schedules

showed BFS to be not only solvent but profitable: successive profit and loss accounts showed profits rising to £9.6 million at 1994 year end whereas they should have shown a loss of £180 million at that date; while the balance sheet then recorded assets of £15 million instead of liabilities amounting to £201.4 million.

The plaintiffs' claim was based on the outles of C&LS, as reporting accountants, were alleged to have assumed towards Barings in relation to the group accounts and to a

Division, so held when giving reasons for allowing appeals on November 21 by Nanan Manzur and Khalid Mahmood against

their convictions in January 1996 at Stafford Crown Court (Judge

Shand and a jury) of rape. The

convictions were quashed and a

Mr Michael Hutt for Manzur and Mr David Brock for Mahmoud, both assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals; Miss Rachel Brand for the Crown.

MRS JUSTICE BRACEWELL

giving the reasons of the court, said that it was alleged by the prosecution that the complainant had left a nightclub and had

C&LS reported to be a £50 million receivable due, not to BFS, but to BSL whereas in fact it was a fiction of Mr Leeson's to explain a discrepancy in BFS's accounts caused by his unauthorised

Mr Kentridge's essential submission was that C&LS owed to Barings no relevant duty of care and that any claim for damages suffered could be claimed, not by Barings as a holding company. which was in effect a shareholder in the subsidiaries, but only by the subsidiary or subsidiaries which suffered damage.

The information the Singapo ean auditors were required to supply was simply so that Barings' directors could comply with their obligation to prepare consolidated He contended inter alia, that

there was ample authority that, in so (ar as a company had suffered damage, although the value of the shareholders' shareholding had gone down, in law it was none the less the company alone which could sue for that damage. Prudential Assurance Co Ltd v Newman Industries Ltd (No 2) (1982) Ch 204. 222G-223B) and Caparo Industries ple v Dictoman (1990) 2 AC 605, 626C-E, 627C-D). Thus if Barings had been the direct shareholder of BFS, it would have had no action in respect of any assumed negligence in C&LS's there was ample authority that, in

any assumed negligence in C&LS's auditing for BFS. The fact Barings was a relatively remote parent made its relationship to the auditurn a more remote one.

Mr Burnton relied primarily on

the facts as showing how a duty was assumed by C&LS directly to Barings. He added:

(i) The liability of C&LS to BFS

was in dispute, particularly because C&LS signed off on their audit report to Barings but not on their audit report to BFS:
(II) C&LS were engaged in relation to Barings in the produc tion of group accounts for which their information and audit reports were to be used: and

for other companies in the group.
Their lesses were not recoverable from C&LS because no duty

As Barings was owed a duty, it

appellants and the co-accused, Clive Linton. The car was driven to

a car park where within the space

of an hour first Manzur, then

She was described in evidence as

arriving home drunk and dishev-elled with her clothing torn. She was unable to recall the events of

the evening in any detail and did

not know whether or not she had

was whether the girl was in-capable of giving her consent by reason of drink or whether, as the

appellants alleged, she did consent or, alternatively, they believed she

At the trial the issue for the jury

sexual intercourse with the girl.

could itself claim for the loss in the value of the shares in those companies: George Fischer (Great Britoin) Ltd v Multi Construction Ltd. Decion Ltd (third party) ([1995] 1 BCLC 260).

His Lordship said that if C&LS were in breach of a duty of care owed to Barings in respect of audit information supplied to them and the breach caused damage. Barings could not be disentitled from suing merely because the damages for which C&LS were said to be liable to Barings would or might include damages for which they were said to be liable to

Any risk of double recovery. such es was envisaged in Christensen v Scott ([1996] I NZLR 273, 280-281) could be avoided if both claims were made in the same

The present case differed from because the person in the position. of shareholder. Barings, had a right of action independent of the company BFS. On the other hand, unlike the situation in the George Fischer case, BFS did have a right of action itself.

As the latter case showed, there was no legal principle that a was no regal principle that a holding company was unable to recover damages for loss in the value of its subsidiaries, resulting directly from a breach of duty owed to it, as distinct from a duty owed, or not owed as the case might be to the subsidiaries.

might be to the subsidiaries.

The argument about duty of care was concluded by the fact that C&LS knew that their audit and report on the consolidation sched-ules were required so that the directors of Barings could comply with their obligation to provide accounts showing a true and lain view of the group's (Inancial

C&LS could not have supposed that the only responsibility they assumed to Barings was to submit BFS's accounts in a form suitable for incorporation into the consoli-dated accounts, and that it mattered not whether they showed a true and fair view of BFS's

Material irregularities, and a fortiori fraud, would normally be brought to light by sound audit

trial judge erred in admitting evidence before the jury of the plea

of guilty to rape by Clive Linton under section 74 of the 1994 Act. He

ruled that it was relevant to the

question of consent by the

The difficulty with that ruling was that the basis upon which

Linton had pleaded guilty was not before the court. There were sev-

eral bases upon which Linton could have pleaded guilty: that he

knew the girl was not consenting or that he was reckless as to

There was also a lack of certainty regarding the girl's state of mind in her drunken state

whether she contented

practice of pointing out weakauditor's task was so to conduct the audit as to make it probable that material misstatements in financial documents would be detected That did not occur and therefore there was a case for C&LS to

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The purpose of reporting was not as limited as Mr Kentridge contended. There was force in Mr Burnton's contention that the most immediate cause of Barings' loss was the failure of internal control within BFS which allowed Mr Leeson to commit his frauds.

Everything depended on whether C&LS should have de-tected those frauds since, had they been, further moneys would not have been sent by other companies in the group to BFS with the resultant loss in the value of the shares held by Barings as the

holding company.

The crucial point in the present case, which Mr Justice Chadwick appreciated, was that Barings pleaded a direct relationship between C&LS and Barings arising from the circumstances in which work was done for, and information was supplied by C&LS to, Barings and their auditors in England (C&L) relating to the preparation of the group's

Specific facts were pleaded in support of the claim there was an independent and relevant duty of

support of the claim there was an independent and relevant duty of care owed to Barings and separate from any duty owed to BFS.

The determination of the scope of that duty and of the consequences of any breach were mattern for evidence and legal argument at trial. As the judge had concluded, Barings had established a good arguable case, and lished a good arguable case, and his Lordship was satisfied the case was a proper one for service out of the jurisdiction. There was a serious issue to be tried. His Lordship added that any ndings of fact made in the

judgment were not final. Lord Justice Swinton Thomas and Lord Justice Mummery

was essential to know the basis for Linton's plea of guilty before the trial judge could identify the

relevant Issue for the jury in the

In the context of the Crown's

osition that the complainant was

incapable of consenting, there was a real danger that the jury would have assumed that Linton's plea

meant that he knew full well she

could not have consented, and would have concluded that there-

fore the appellants must have

Such an approach by the jury would have prestuded their consid-

eration of the state of mind of each appellant which was highly rele-vant to their defence that they believed the complainant was

consenting to sexual intercourse.

It was not possible to identify any issue to which Linton's plea-was relevant at the time of the

ruling and therefore the Crown's

In the event the admission of the

evidence was highly prejudicial to the appellants and wholly out-weighed any probative value, if indeed any could be identified.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution

tion should have been

trial of the appellants.

## Basis of co-accused's rape guilty plea must be known

sympathetic in respect of applica-tions for extension of time for service of documents, to deprive the applicants of a fair trial only by reason of their solicitors' failure to recognise the importance of the rules was too severe a punishm

en's Bench Division, of their

November 1996 following a re-

Before Lord Justice Waller and Sir John May

John May

[Judgment November 8]

While the court was becoming less maner until the applicants' solicitors said that they would take instructions but nothing was done by either party outwardly to advance the maner until the applicants' solicities. iters wrote to the respondent the following year requesting a date to be agreed for discovery. The respondent replied that the ap-plicants were well out of time for

indicated by Beachley had in effect

unity for costs.

Mr Peter Ralls for the ap-plicants; Mr John Norman for the

LORD JUSTICE WALLER considered the relevant case law which had been before the judge, Squill y. Southend: Health. Au-thority. [1995] i WLR. 1254; Costellow v Somerset County Council (1993) 1 WLR 256) and

In the last case, the submissionthat unless there were some evi-dence of prejudice on the part of the defendant the court had no the defendant the court had no alternative but to allow the calling of evidence in relation to which the

sequent on work with such tooks in

-impairment of circulation in the fingers, could result from the use of powered hand-held tools through the coal mining industry.

Mr. Maxwell submitted that having correctly concluded that prior to 1967 there was insufficient material to put the defendant on notice that there was a foreseeable risk of injury in the coal mining industry arising from the use of such tools, he was wrong in his conclusions about the Milne survey were wrong and that he should have held that an epidemiological survey by the defendant was never required, at any rate at any date before the present proceedings began in 1988.

Furthermore, Mr Maxwell said. even if an epidemiological survey had been carried out the judge wrongly concluded that it would have demonstrated an excessive degree of VWF in the coal mining industry.

In the circumstances there were judge's findings on the prelimi-nary issues. Thus in the case of each plaintiff who was not caught remaining open were:

(i) whether he suffered excessive...

exposure to vibrating tools:
(ii) whether the defendant negligently failed to take effective precautions to prevent, avoid or

(iii) whether he suffered occurs-

tional white finger in consequence of the defendant's negligence. Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Solicitors: Naharro Nathanson:

Thompsons, Newcastle upon Tyne, Watson Burton, Newcastle

## **Time-limit sanction too** severe a punishment

Letpak Ltd and Others v quest by the respondent for sec-

Armstrong and Others v Brit-

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord

-Justice Judge and Lord Justice.

The British Coal Corporation should have recognised by Janu-

ary 1973 that work done by its

employees using vibratory tools gave rise to a foreseeable risk of

personal injury from the condition

The Court of Appeal so held in

reserved judgments dismissing an appeal by the defendant, the British Coal Corporation, from the

decision of Judge Stephenson, sitting as a judge of the High Court

at Newcastle upon Tyne on Janu-ary 15, 1996, on preliminary issues

ary 15, 1996, on preliminary issues arising in an action by William James Armstrong and eight other plaintiffs, all former employees of the defendant, claiming damages for personal injury for vibratory white finger sustained as a result of the alleged negligence of the defendant.

Mr Richard Maxwell QC, Mr R. F. Owen, QC and Miss Catherine Foster for British Coal; Mr John

Hendy, QC, Mr Christopher Car-ling and Mr Ian Scott for the

LORD JUSTICE JUDGE said that the plaintiffs had all been employed for substantial periods in the coal industry and had been provided with and used vibratory tools in the coarse of their employment. The nine cases had been

sciented as lead cases, repre-sentative of a large number of

Since 1911 it had been acknowl-

known as vibratory white finger.

ish Coal Corporation

(Judgment Navember 28)

rules was too severe a punishment.
The Court of Appeal so held when allowing an application by the plaintiffs, Letpak Ltd; Saleem Haboubi, Heshim Haboubi, Mumisz Tokatiy and Zuhair Tokatiy, for leeve to appeal against the refusal by Mr Jusdee Neuberger on October 30, 1996, sitting as an additional judge in the Course. Berich Division of their application for, inter alia, an extension of time for exchanging

The application was treated as the substantive hearing. The effect of the judge's order would have been to dismiss and/or strike out the applicants' negligence claim against the respondent. Gabriel Harris, a solicitor, without a trial on the evidence.

The writ in the underlying action had been issued in February 1995 and the defence served in April. Directions had been given in July for the exchange of witness state-ments, the time limit for which had then been extended by agreement but not met. Trial had been set for

Beachley Property Ltd v Edgar (The Times July 18, 1996)

court order as to service had not been compiled with was strongly

ejected.

His Lordship said that the court could only interfere with the exercise of the judge's discretion if it concluded that he was plainly wrong. His Lordship considered that the judge had been persuaded that the wind of change which was blowing hard in the direction

already changed the practice of the court laid down in Costellow. It was important to recognise that in Beachley the plaintiff was not denied a trial by excluding the statements served late. In the present case if the order remained the applicants would not be able to Further, his Lordship said that

any prejudice which would be suffered by the respondent could largely be negatived given that they had to bear some of the responsibility for deciding to sit on their hands rather than pursue the applicants to get on with providing

His Lordship was doubtful as to the legitimaty of that tactic in the modern era of cooperation once a trial date had been fixed and directions given binding both

ship was persuaded that the judge had been wrong; to deprive the applicants of a trial because of their solicitors failure to recognise the importance of the rules reli to the exchange of witness state ments was too stern a punishment.

His Lordship made clear that the wind of change was blowing fast and practitioners should be aware of the decision in Beachle and what a close run thing it had been in the present case. Sir John May agreed.

Solicitors: Rawlence & Hart. Croydon: Barlow Lyde & Gilbert

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## Scots Law Report December 6 1996 House of Lords

## Financial provision between parties Lightbody (or Jacques) v

Jacques Before Lord Mustill, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Lloyd of Berwick, Lord Steyn and Lord

Speeches November 21/ An equal division of financial provision between the parties in divorce proceedings would be fair pursuant to section 9(1)(a) of the Family Law (Scotland) Act 1985, but where there were special circumstances some unequal dicircumstances some unequal di-vision might be justified within section 10(1).

There was nothing in section 10 which required an unequal di-vision whenever special circum-stances were found to exist and it was, thus, not enough simply to identify some special circum-stances in order to depart from an equal division. An unequal division had to be justified by those special circums

However, the task of applying the Act and the working out of the details the matter must essentially be one for the judge at the first

The House of Lords so stated in dismissing an appeal by the hus-band defender, Raymond James Jacques, from an interlocutor dated February 23, 1995, of the First Division of the Court of Session the Lord President (Lord Hope), Lord Allanbridge and Lord Penrose) (1995 SLT 963), which had retuse (1955 SLI 953). Which had allowed an appeal of the wife pursuer. Catherine Anne Lightbody (or Jacques), and dismissed an appeal of the husband, recalled the interlocutor of Sheriff J. R. Smith of Dumfries and Galloway at Strangaer, dated December 24, 1993 and made an order as sought by the wife for the sale of the matrimonial home at

Millbank, Main Street, Glenloce, The sheriff had refused to grant decree of declarator and order for sale sought by the wife. He also refused to grant decree for transfer sought by the husband. He deter-mined that an equal and fair sharing of the matrimonial home. could be achieved by making no order for any financial provision. Section 9 of the Family Law (Scotland) Act 1985, provides: "(I) The principles which the court

for financial provision, if any, to make are that — (a) the net value of the matrimonial property should be shared fairly and between the

parties to the marriage..." Sction 10 provides: "(i) In applying the principle set out in section 9(I)(a) of this Act, the net value of the matrimonial property shall be taken to be shared fairly between the parties to the marriage when it is shared equally or in such other proportions as are justified by special circumstances."

"(6) In subsection (I) ... 'special reumstances', without prejudice circumstances', without prejudices to the generality of the words, may include - (a) the terms of any agreement between the parties on the ownership or division of any of the marimonial property; (b) the source of the funds or assets used to acquire any of the marimonial property where those funds or assets were not derived from the income or efforts of the parties during the marriage; (c) any destruction, dissipation or alienation of property by either party; (d) the nature of the matrimonial property, the use made of it (including use for business pur-poses or as a matrimonial home) and the extent to which it is reasonable to expect it to be realised or divided or used as security: (e) the actual or prospective liability for any expenses of valuation or transfer of property in connection with the divorce.

Mr Andrew Hajducki, QC and Miss Morag Wise for the husband; Miss Anne Smith, QC and Mr John Speir for the wife. LORD CLYDE said that the major item of matrimonial prop-erty was the house at Milibank

which had been the matrimonial home. It was purchased by the parties for £30,000. The source of the funds was the sale proceeds of a house which the parties had occupied together in Surbiton before their marriage on January 10, 1987, and for a short

while thereafter. By agreement between the par-ties the title to the house at Millbank was taken in their joint names. That house required cerairs. Those w from the balance of the Surbiton

On September 10, 1990, when the wife left the husband, the

Millbank house was valued at £55,000. There was £5,000 still ng of the loan. Before the House, the husband claimed that because of the existence of special circumstances the division of the net value of the matrimonial home should not be in equal shares.

His counsel argued that as a malter of construction of the Act there were special circumstances; thus it was contrary to the Acr to divide the net value equally. If special circumstances were found to exist then an unequal division fell to be made and it was for the court then to decide what

unequal proportions were jus-That argument was not sound. Section 10(1) gave direction on the meaning of fairness for the application of the principle set out in section 9(1)(a). It was not discussed that disputed that where there were no special circumstances an equal sharing of the net value would secure compliance with the principle of fairness.

The words "special circumstances" did not have any technical meaning but referred to any circumstances which were special to the case. Section 10(6) gave illustrations of what might be included. But that subsection stated expressly that the illustra-tions were given without prejudice to the generality of the words.

Moreover, in stating that the word "may" included the stated illustrations it was indicating that there was no necessary conclusion that any of the illustrations must require some unequal sharing.

The final part of section 10(1) required the court to consider if there were any circumstances spe-cial to the case which justified a departure from the general course of an equal division. If the matt was approached by a consideration of evidence it could be analysed in terms of a presumption for equality in the absence of any special circumstances justifying otherwise.

As a matter of construction it was sufficient to understand that

where there were special circum-stances some unequal division might be justified. There was nothing in section 10 which required an unequal division when-ever special circumstances were

it was not enough simply to identify some special circumstance in order to depart from an equal division. An unequal division must be justified by those

found to exist. ..

It was not disputed that the 1985 Act innovated on the earlier law in the field of financial provisions on divorce by imposing some re-straints on what had been an unfettered discretion in the court.

The statement of principles in section 9 by which under section 8(2)(a) any order had to be justified together with the sections which followed upon those sections certainly imposed some constraints on the court's discretion but some areas remained in the application of the principles for the court to exercise its own judgment on the facts of the particular case so as to

achieve a fair result. But in the task of applying the Act and in the working out of the detail the matter must essentially be one for the judge who first heard the case: see Little v Little

(1990 SLT 785, 787). . The husband's counsel argued in the alternative that the result which had been reached in the present case was manifestly in-equitable. Looking at the circum-stances as they had been presented before the House there were no grounds sufficient to justify any terference with the view taken by

the First Division. On that branch of the case the matters raised were points of detail and not of principle and it could not be held that any error had been made so gross as to warrant any alteration being made.

Lord Jauncey delivered a concurring speech and Lord Mustill, Lord Lloyd and Lord Steyn agreed.

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BOXING

## Hamed faces sternest test

By Srikumar Sen

NASEEM HAMED, the World Boxing Organisation (WBO) featherweight champion from Sheffield, has the most important bout of his career when he meets Tom Johnson, of the United States, at the London Arena on Febru-

Johnson is the International Boxing Federation champion and if Hamed takes his crown it will be the first step on the road to unifying the titles. Hamed said yesterday that he did not expect Johnson to pose any problems for him and that he would knock him out. "It's a fight I've been wanting for ages," Hamed said. "Don't blink in round

Johnson, 32, is an ideal opponent for Hamed. He has been finding it more and more difficult to stay on his feet against opponents and he is an important enough name to enhance Hamed's reputation; but the veteran of 47 contests said that he is equally confident.

Johnson has lost only two of his contests and has made il successful defences of his title, five times in Europe. He reminded Hamed that he had beaten Manuel Medina despite breaking both his hands during the contest. Hamed had to struggle for it rounds to stop Medina, a Mexican.

Duke Durden, Johnson's adviser, said:
"Hamed will fall in five rounds because he has no chin and it only needs Tom. to catch him once."

The Hamed-Johnson bout heads a \$9 million (about £5.45 million) promotion that will feature three other world title contests. Steve Collins, the WBO super-middleweight champion, and Robin Reid, the World Boxing Council champion at defend

RUGBY UNION

## Bravery of **Reed wins** favour with Scotland

AFTER two years in the wilderness, Andy Reed, the former British Isles lock forward, has been recalled to the Scotland squad for the Royal Bank international against Italy at Murrayfield a week

From the tone of the comments at a press conference yesterday there is every likeli-hood that Reed, now of Wasps, will win his eleventh cap, thus completing a successful comeback from debilitating injury that at one stage threatened his career.

The fact that Reed, still only 27, is again in contention can be attributed to his own determination, a move from Bath this summer and Scotland's urgent need for a more domi-

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particular the lineout and at restarts, where the Scots have been particularly profligate: He won the last of his ten caps against South Africa in November 1994, having captained Scotland on the tour of Argen-

tipe that summer. Reed is one of three changes to the 21-man squad originally picked for the Australia international; neither Gary Armstrong nor Scott Murray were considered because of injury, while Tom Smith's decision to play for Watsonians last Satunday when clearly unfit and him, a fact acknowledged by Richie Dixon, the Scotland

Derrick Patterson, of Heriot's FP, comes in as understudy to Bryan Redpath at scrum half, a position in which Scotland are blessed with considerable riches; not so at prop, where Matt Stewart, now under Ian Mc-Geechan's wing at North-ampton, is brought into the

Stewart was the subject of positive reports on the Scottish Exiles' recent tour of Portugal and Spain, where he was watched by both John Jeffrey. and Arthur Hastie, the

Dixon said: "Stewart has been known to us for a long time. We have not had a punishing scrummage for some time, but somehow we have been able to perform miracles with what we have got. Andy Reed has a proven rack record. He has had injury problems but we feel he

is worthy of his place."

Scotland will award full caps for the first time in a match against Italy, who were sufficiently piqued by their reluctance not to grant inter-national status to the last meeting between the two, in Rieti in January, that they won comfortably. Dixon also believes that Italy will improve considerably from their lacklustre performance against

England a fortnight ago.
"England, as they have done to us, took them on up front and beat them that way," he said. "We don't have that kind of team or that kind of mentality. I expect this to be a very exciting game. I felt England answered the question about their style when they played the New Zealand Barbarians, where they were much more dynamic than against Italy. The Italians though were minus three firstchoice locks and two of them are back now, so they should present a greater challenge in



Pienaar's driving ambition has not been blunted by the pain of rejection. Photograph: David Rogers / ALLSPORT

## Clubs name England option for Pienaar company nominees

THE prospect of a lasting settlement between the Rugby Football Union (RFU) and the leading English clubs grew last night when a board meeting of the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc) confirmed its six nominees to the joint company that, it is proposed, will run the professional game in England

(David Hands writes). Ian McGeechan, of Northampton, who will coach the British Isles team next year, is joined from the first division clubs by Donald Kerr, of Harlequins, Peter Wheeler, of Leicester, and Charles Levison, of Wasps; the second division will be represented by Symon Elliott, of Rich-Wakefield, with the RFU yet to make its two appoint-

### FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

AS THE world of rugby union, lurching along under the giddy influence of professionalism, continues to produce juxtapositions that defy beliefs forged on the anvil of amateurism, another startling image has been conjured: an England team running out to contest the 1999 World Cup final with Francois Pienaar leading the way.

Pienaar, as intimately associated with South Africa as Cape wines and car hijackings, lifted the trophy last year after captaining his team to a victory with a spiritual cer-tainty and moral fortitude that did much to bolster the "Rainbow Nation" concept of the country's President, Nelson Mandela.

terday, Pienaar, who this week signed a contract with

Saracens, the Courage league first division side, stressed that he still desperately wanted to play for South Africa. appearance for his country. despite being dropped this autumn, but that he could be forced to change nationalities

"I just want to play international rugby and if England want to give me the opportuniry, then I'll seriously consider it." he said. The terseness of his dismissal, which came as the new South Africa coach. André Markgraaff, attempted to stamp his authority on a side failing to recapture the zest of 1995, certainly appeared to offer little hope of a reconciliation.

to keep his career alive.

Pienaar will be 33, a ripe old age for a flanker, by the time the World Cup final is staged in Cardiff, but the South African press were taking his that, under international Rugby Football Board rules, a

player can switch to another national team if three years have elapsed since the last

Pienaar last played for South Africa against the All Blacks on August 10 this year and would, therefore, be eligible for England before the World Cup. Thankfully, Pienaar, who led his country 29 times, has remained levelheaded, "Flankers usually reach their peak between 27 and 32 years old and 1 am currently 29, so I still have a few years left."

Pienaar's first game for Saracens will be on December 28, against either Orrell or Sale. Will Jack Rowell, the England manager, be there? ☐ Jason Little, troubled by the knee he injured in the opening match of the Australia tour of Britain, has withdrawn from the XV that will close its itinerary against the Barbarians at Twickenham

ROWING

## Bowden gives boost to **Britain**

By MIKE ROSEWELL

SEAN BOWDEN is 10 become Great Britain's lightweight men's coach from January, returning to a position in which he and Britain enjoyed great success between 1992 and 1994.

Bowden, who was also head coach for Nottingham County from 1989 to 1994, guided the British lightweight eight to world championship silver and gold medals before taking responsibility for the heavyweight eight in the run-up to the Olympic Games, He was also involved in Cambridge University's Boat Race re-surgence in the early

in a further boost for the sport, it was also announced yesterday that the National Lottery Sports Fund, with the approval of the Sports Council, has made an £8.9 million award towards the cost of an international-standard 2,000-metre rowing course at the Royal Albert Dock.

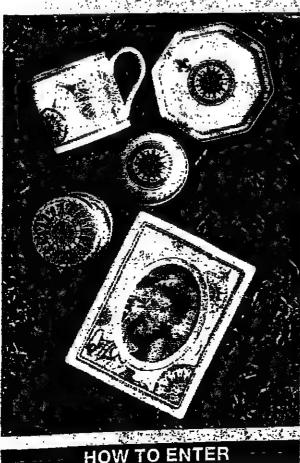
The £8.9 million lottery grant for the Docklands rowing course represents 54 per cent of the cost of a three-phase scheme that will produce only the third venue in the United Kingdom to achieve international-

course standards. The London Docklands Development Corporation will meet the remaining costs for the venture, which will be used by rowers. canocists, dragon boats and local schools and children.

Domestic regattas have been held on the dock for ten years, but only over 1,750 metres and with limited facilities.

The award, which is the largest in London to date, will also provide changing facilities, an administration centre, boat storage for 90 eights, workshops, accommodation for competitors and a gym-

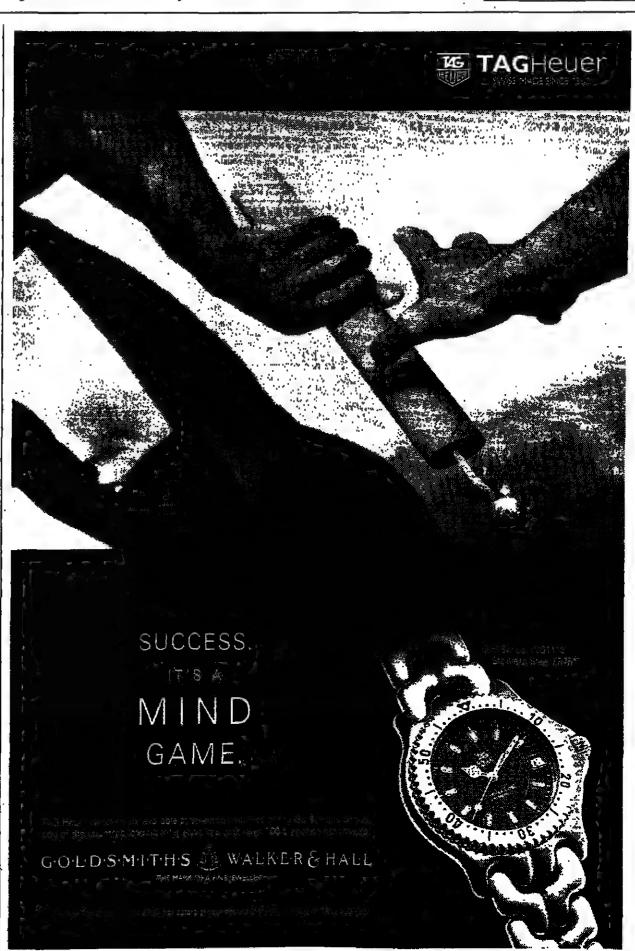
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## **Burnett** is

## shut out by resilient **McGuire**

ROBERT MARSHALL and Jim McGuire survived tough semi-finals in the CIS Insurance Scottish national indoor singles bowls championship at Coatbridge yesterday.
McGuire lost the opening

set against Darren Burnett, but allowed him to score on only three ends thereafter as he claimed a 6-7, 7-4, 7-3 victory. Marshall seemed to be on course for an easy triumph over Sandy Syme when he won the first set 7-4, but Syme took the second 7-2 before Marshall regained his form and won the third 7-0.

#### Tactical victory

Rackets: Rupert Owen-Browne, the No 6 seed, sur-vived a shaky start to defeat Richard Montgomerie, the Northamptonshire cricketer, in the second round of the British amateur champion-ship at Queen's Club. Montgomerie won the first game, but Owen-Browne's play then became more tactical and he moved his opponent around well before dispatching a string of fine winners.

### Bjorn winner

Golf: Thomas Bjorn, 25, who became the first Danish player to win on the European Tour when he captured the Loch Lomond World Invitational in September, has won the Sir Henry Cotton rookie-of-the-year award.

### Staying up

Tennis Great Britain avoided relegation from the champions division by beating Slovakia 2-0 in the European men's team championship at Reggio Calabria, Italy, yesterday. Andrew Richardson beat Tomas Catar 6-4, 6-1, then Danny Sapsford defeated Martin Hromec 6-3, 7-6.

TENNIS: BECKER AWAITS IN SEMI-FINAL AFTER WASHINGTON'S CHALLENGE IS DISMISSED

## Henman's power reaps rich reward

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN MUNICH

THIS has been a year to remember for Tim Henman 12 months of headlines, impressive results and hefty paydays. Yesterday, though, he outdid every expectation by marching into the semi-finals of the Compaq Grand Slam Cup with a 7-6, 6-3 demolition of MaliVai Washington. The win means that in a little more than 24 hours of work in the Olympiahalle, Henman has doubled his earnings for the year as he is assured of at least EZ75,000 even if he loses to Boris Becker on Saturday.

With the court surrounded by Christmas trees and fairy lights. Henman is not yet willing to admit that his week could have a touch of magic about it, but he is certainly enjoying the experience. Not normally an effusive chap, he seemed genuinely happy with the case of his win, especially as he had only come here with the idea of having a little fun. "Whether it is a fairytale or not

 I don't know," he said. Washington, the runner-up to Richard Krajicek in the Wimbledon final and the Dutchman's conqueror here, has spent most of his career lurking around the 20-30 mark in the world rankings, the same level Henman has worked so hard to reach this year. He has taken on the best, occasionally beaten them, but never really posed a challenge to the few who win the important titles. He has always known his way around a tennis court, but yesterday he could find no answer to the

British No 1 as Henman hit a purple patch towards the end

Suddenly, his first service, which had looked somewhat fragile on Tuesday against Michael Stich, was thundering past Washington's flailing racket. Henman hit a total of 20 aces, some of which broke the 130mph barrier and were faster than Becker's best as the German swept past Jakob Hlasek 6-4, 6-1.

After such a long, if produc-tive, year, Henman's form, which he described as the best of his career, was a welcome surprise. "I think the way I served today - that's not someone who is tired or has played too much tennis this year," he said, "Now, if I can go away and become physicaly stronger, may be I can serve with even more consistency."

As quarter-finals go, the match started as a low-key affair. The crowd had paid to watch Becker and once he was safely home and dry the spectators left in droves, Gradually filtering back from the bars and the eateries, it began to dawn on them that their man might not have an easy ride on Saturday if Henman can maintain his current

settle to his task as the first set headed for the tle-break, but once it came he managed to increase the pace. Looking sharper and leaner, he was Washington into more and more errors. With



Becker drives a formidable backhand drive past Hlasek. Photograph: Frank Augstein

Henman was in complete

Washington's shots became wilder as he was put on the back foot. Henman's returns were blistering, and when he needed to get involved in a rally, his forehand found the

Only when he served for the match at 5-1 in the second set did he make a couple of rare mistakes to give Washington his first break points of the day. "At 30-love I thought let's try and make life easy, but I missed an easy volley and he went on to break me." Henman said. "But you try not to press too many panic buttons and I knew I had been serving so well up until then. I was still feeling pretty

Still a service break up Henman did not waste his second chance and made his way through into the semi-finals on his third match

confident."

with one of my best matches indoors or outdoors," he said. "We were playing for a lot of money today and I'm not complaining about that that's for sure!

"But, to go through and play Boris Becker over five sets in his home town, you don't get much better than that. Well, perhaps if it were on the Centre Court at Wimbledon but that's probably his home

BASKETBALL

## Cadle concerned about problems piled on his plate

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

KEVIN CADLES biggest worry now that London Towers have reached the later stages of the European Cup is not an inevitable indure pile-up, but the fact that is likely to be on the menu in Russia.

Cadle, the team coach, loves chicken and rice, a Cajun speciality that has been made available to the Budweiser League champions on most. occasions on their East European travels. But the man from Buffalo knows that his team's favourite food is rarely available in Russia, the home of Saratov, their likely oppo-

Chicken Kiev, yes, but who ever heard of Chicken Saratov? Steak, or rather horse meat is the most likely alternative Cadle is expecting to be served on the evidence of past

The only think I can't stand about Russia is their food," he admitted, after London. Towers had reached the last 32 by beating Budocnost Podgorica, of Yugoslavia, by 71-58 at Wembley on Wednesday.

Yet there is a way out. If Towers win their final game in group H, against Marco-Kormend, in Hungary next Tuesday, they will avoid fourth place and with it the dreaded trip to Saratov. TDK Manraser, a Spanish team from near Barcelona, would then provide their opposition.

Thoughts of Russia and the prospect of the Sainsburys Cola national cup semi-final last might against Leopards combined to make the Wembley celebration a muted affair. Towers play the second leg against Leopards on Sunday and face a confrontation with the Budweiser League leaders, Sheffield Sharks, at Wembley on the following. Sunday, after their return

A daunting programme, which leaves Cadle unfazed. "We played five games in six days in Italy before the season started, so that should be no problem," he said.

The Leopards could, of course, have eased the fixture congestion by being more flexible over dates, but such is the rivalry between the capital's top two clubs that they appeared to go out of their way not to do so.

The London Arena, the Leopards insisted, was un-available on all three alternative dates suggested by the Towers, who were even prepared to forfest home advantage in the second leg. Yet further investigations re-vealed that the venue was available on all three dates. Towers have thus been sup-

plied with the extra motivation required for the continued defence of their domestic cup, however tired they might be. Dainy Lewis was their top scorer, with 27 points, against Budocnost Podgorica, but Alan Cummingham's part in the victory was particularly menindana.

He scored four points and grabbbed several vital rebounds, having earlier in the day attended the funeral of his best friend, who had been best man at his wedding. "You can't ask for greater commitment than that, Cadle said.

After the bill of fare, the

main concern for Cadle is his team's free-throw shooting. They missed 11 out of 20 shots from the line in the second half on Wednesday, including four in a row from Joe Hooks.

Hooks, thankfully, made amends with an irresistible dunk that decisively interrupted a worrying rally by the Yugoslavs, who had trimmed arrears of 23 points to just five

HOCKEY

## Women preparing for crucial vote

THE All England Womens Hockey Association (AEWHA) could vote tomorrow to dissolve the existing association and join with the men in forming the new English Hockey Association

After the men's decision on Wednesday to dissolve their association, and with plans aiready well advanced for the new EHA to be formed on June I, 1997, a negative vote by the women meeting in Milton Keynes could pose problems for the future of the game.

Mon Pickersgill, the presi-dent of the AEWHA, said that she was confident the majority of members were in favour of a new association but added that she had reservations about achieving the 90 per cent majority required by the constitution to dissolve the association. "Ninety per cent is a huge majority and if we don't get it everything will be delayed," she said. "Voting against it will be a major setback, although not an insurmountable one. "I know that forming a new

association will have its problems but it really is the only forward, particularly Sports Council and the National Lottery. The prospects are very exciting."

On the international front, the International Hockey Federation (FIH) is hoping to with the women joining in 1998-99. Els van Breda eral of the FIH, said: "We hope to achieve a more global stantial television, spectator

initiate an annual, global com-Hockey Series. The first men's season is planned for 1997-98 Vriesman, the secretary-gen-

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RACING: CELEBRATED JOCKEY WARMS UP IN STYLE FOR HONG KONG'S INTERNATIONAL FIXTURE

# ut problen' Dettori's winning smile pays dividend

RACING CORRESPONDENT IN HONG KONG

The first rays of sunshine squinted over Ma On Shan mountain onto Sha Tin racecourse as the blazered security official outside the stable block asked his question. It deserves a place in racing folklore.

"Are you jockey?" he enquired, in clipped tones, of the bronzed figure, complete with riding hat, boots and whip. Frankie Dettori was kind. He smiled the smile which lightens anyone's heart before

replying in the affirmative. A dozen hours later, with the sun having given way to the stars, 40,000 racegoers packed into Happy Valley's floodlit

### HICHARD EVANS

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racetrack, Hong Kong's other famous course, and showed they could recognise the biggest star of all. As betting began on the opener, they had eyes for only one horse: Rabbit Bo Bo. The jockey: L Dettori.

"And here comes Frankie boy," the commentator roared as Rabbit Bo Bo struck the front 200 yards from the line and went on to justify lavouritism. Another winner. but for a first-time visitor to Hong Kong the scene was as unrecognisable as the face of Dettori had been to the security guard earlier in the day. Imagine, for a moment, a

racecourse sharper in circumference than Chester, built in. the middle of St James's Park, and you begin to get some idea about the punchbowi track in the heart of this vibrant colony. Dozens of skyscrapers, hose twinkling lights at night make them resemble a forest of giant Christmas trees, look down on proceedings alongside the ten-tiered grandstand. Then there is the bet-

With all due respect to Rabbit Bo Bo, the horses running in the class six Tai Hang Tung Handicap would



The unsaddling enclosure is a hive of activity as 40,000 racegoers pack into the ten-tier grandstand at Happy Valley's floodlit racecourse

bad seller at Wolverhampton, even if the prize-money did top £30,000. But that did not stop punters wagering around HK\$130 million flust over £10 million) on the outcome. It proved to be one of the smaller

betting heats of the night. \_ Inevitably, the seventh and last race on the card attracted the most interest as winning punters played up their gains and losers tried to get out of trouble. The six-furlong handicap, worth £90,000, attracted more than £16 million in bets. taking the grand total for the night — including exotics such

not have been out of place in a as the daily double and triple — to a mind-boggling £92 million, plus enough loose change to fund a couple of British classics.

The figures covering a season's betting in the colony reach levels only Camelot can understand and attempts to convert them into sterling defy a normal calculator, which cannot cope with so many

In the 1995-6 season, betting -turnover in a colony with six million people reached £6,350 million from just 71 meetings and 548 races. That compares to turnover in Britain of

2.40 HAPPLAN DISURANCE AMATEUR RIDERS

(22,450: 271 11) (14)

201 -841 WAYFARERS WAY 15 (5) If Handerson 5-11-10 C Vigaz; (5) 32

502 OGA! HIGHLY CHARMING 31 M Barradough 4-11-8 ... A Winds (7) 91

503 106 SEERLA 14.1 J OTHIN 5-11-7 ... L CONCORN (7) 92

504 -85P COUNTRY MRISTRE! (5) Concet 5-10-13 ... J Johns (5) 84

505 1192 RAMEN'S BOOST 16 (20) 9 6-10-83 ... J Johns (5) 84

506 319 FOLLOW DE CALL 13 D NICLON 6-10-11 ... J Shine (5) 84

507 492 SKRAM 6 (9) N DICKS 1-10-5 ... G BONNY (3) 92

508 380 THE DEACCHESS 15 Mes A King 5-10-5 ... D MacPaul (7) 80

509 55-P HOKE-VSED WOOD 13: ROOM 8-10-5 ... A BONNY (7) 80

510 9-PO ROYAL GLINT 160 It Hayers 7-10-5 ... P MACAISMAN (7) 85

511 4PP AMALOGUE 25 R Estoy 4-10-2 ... MIN OBMOR (7) 84

513 P-00 CARET'S DOTTUSE 27 May P Supraisey 5-10-6 ... Mit Obmor (7) 84

9-4 Hoyteney May, 7-2 Septs, 8-1 Rever's Recal, 6-1 Highly Chamme, 7-4 Stone, 8-1 County Minstell, 16-1 others.

3.10 KINGS CAPLE HOVICES HANDICAP CHASE

3-1 Express Travel, 5-1 Cool Character, 6-1 Hungover, 7-4 Ballouisi, Bulkan, 8-4 Robspuri, Bustannass, 16-1 County Road, 12-1 others

1 10- JUST DIE DUESTION 206 (A) J.J. O'Med, 6-11-13

9-4 Sunday Ventura, 7-2 Camp Hitad, 5-1 Just Clem Checilico, 7-1 Jules Wemor, 8-1 Califodole, 10-1 Cherr Bellvano, 12-1 others

HEREFORD: Trainiers: N Henderson: 13 winners tone, 25 numers, 50.0%; D Nethotson; 10 from 34, 29.4%; P Hobbs, 14 hran 49, 28.5%; N TreatmerDavies, 24 from 55, 26.2%; C Smoles, 3 hran 11, 22.5%; R Abies, 7 from 31, 22.5%; R Buckler, B from 36, 22.5%; Justicey, T J. Mierzin, 4 winners from 9 miles, 44.4%; D Bridgessin, 28 from 100; 24.7%; be J. Alies, 3 from 13, 22.1%; J B Rossinoph, 39 from 50, 22.0%; M A Fingensich, 11 from 50, 23.0%; M A Fingensich, 11 from 50, 33%; R Fingensic, 7 from 47, 14.9%.

18:3% R Facsard, J from 47, 14:3%

MARRICET FARSENC Trainness: C Manne, 4 winners from 8 markets, 50:0%; M Testeno-Downer, 7 from 23, 30:4%; J Jufferson, 9 from 32, 27:3%; M Wildeston, 3 from 11, 27:3%, Mrs M Harrober, 20 from 62, 24:4%; M Tompoless, 4 from 19, 21:1%, files P Shy, 3 from 17, 17:5%; Aoctoryet, P Meter, 19 winners from 107 rodes, 17:5%; F Leality, 6 from 33, 15:4%; D Byrne, 9 from 80, 15:0%; A S Smith, 16 from 127, 14:5%; P Met.oughlin, 4 from 30, 13:3%; R Martin, 4 from 31, 12:9%; 6 Cabill, 3 from 24, 12:5%.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

3.40 SHEPHEROS MEADOW STANDARD

MOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,866: 3m 1f 110vd) (16)

(£1,496: 2m 11) (16)

around £4,000 million from more than 1,000 race meet-

However, the most telling figure appears in the final line of the Hong Kong Jockey Club accounts. After paying out winning dividends [81.31 per cent of turnover) and betting duty (12.8 per cent), "commis sion" of 5.89 per cent - worth £374 million — is left over. The British Horseracing Board and Levy Board can only dream of getting their hands

on such riches. Ironically, the three international races to be staged at Sha
Tin on Sunday, which have over 200 days away. The

attracted a galaxy of top honest answer is nobody trainers and jockeys from around the globe, will not be However: the most interestbetting bonanzas. Contrary to the perception that people here will bet on the proverbial two

flies climbing up a wall, they

are choosy and back only

horses they know. The likes of

the American-trained Da

Hoss, and British challengers

such as Iktamal, Sacrament

and First Island tend to mud-

What is uncertain is how

racing and betting will be

affected by the handover of

dy the waters.

ing speculation concerns the future of racing in China. rather than Hong Kong. There is already a racetrack, complete with totalisator board grandstands, at Guangzhou (formerly Canton) about 80 miles north of here. If the Chinese government

took a more realistic view towards gambling, it is suggested it could be sitting on a oold mine. Of course, it is a big if. So big, in fact, that even people here would think twice about betting on the outcome.

## EXETER

12.50 Time Leader 1.20 Fenwick 1.50 Squire Silk

2.20 Andre Lava 2.50 The Land Agent

## GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

SIS

GOING: GOOD

#### 12.50 TRIPLEPRINT CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,157 2m 2f) (7 runners)

6F210-1 URBAN LEU Y 7 (BLC,G.S) (Air. C Lolet R Hodge; 6 P409-11 BURBURGTON SAM 24 (D)-EG (Air. J Rep) A Helber 4S0-054 KARREN'S THYPHON 43 (BF) So Home Power 4S0-054 TIME LEADER 7 (Bg Turk Boys R Dictor 4-10-10 S222-64 ELEANORA BUISE 15 (R Hodge P Famel 8-16-6 P07-4F7 URBAN RASCAL 10 (R Benhamm) D Gardella 5-17

BETTING: 9-4 Burlington Sam. 11-4 Lifean Lify 9-2 Time Lender 5-1 Maren's Typhogon. Elenbood Music 20-1 Upbarn Rascal, 25-1 Madam Rose

#### FORM FOCUS

BREAN LILY beal subsequent winner Yet Again % on 5-numer selling hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 11 beauty) BURLUNGTON SAAL on het-inch. heat flackets: Cress 33/5 in 14-nuore conditional pockeys selling bendicap hurdle at Ludlow (2m. good to limm) KARENS TYPHOON distant 4th of 8 to Creen heaty at some handicap hisraft at Ludlow (2m. 51 110y, lims)

TIME LEADER 12'41 4th of 13 to Allow in cond-toned policy, nonce tendicap fundle at Newhory (2m 54, pool; ELEANORA MUSE 12'54 th of 5 to Wayters. Way or mouse handless hundle at Wistcanloo (2m, good). UPHAM FASCAL 3st bast of 7 to Bayerd in maden handle at Plumpton (2m soft) on last completed out Macains: URBAN CILY (map)

## 1.20 BOWLISPRINT SELLING HANDICAP CHASE

1P/P	TAPAGEUR 30 (F.G.S.) (M Proe) M Pige 11-12-0	B Moure (7)	-
	GLENTOWER 30 (6) (Brower, Arms) C Pophern 8-11-9 .	A Maguise	-
441243	FENOMOX 3 (F,G,S) (A Pcam) R Hodge, 9-11-6	T Descombe (3)	90
1311/5	OCTOBER BREW 107 (B.G.S) (M Post) M Pipe 6-11-6	A P McCoy	-
	THE WHOLE HOG 9 (Us S Nelson) & Bailey 7-10-11	Mr R Waldey (7)	
XD-45P9	CASTLECONNER 9 (B) (Mrs & Roberts) R Frost 5-10-8	Mr A Holdsworth	-
	AUGYMANN B4 (B,F) (Pec Racing) III Pec 6-10-4	. G Supple (7)	95
	JEWEL THEF 23 (V.F.) (Mr. G Batching) G Batching 6-10-3	. A Greene	
	JHAL FREZI 30 (Mrs R' Heeley) A Barrow B-10-2	. A Procter	<b>4.</b>
	UP THE TEMPO 4 Nilyeem Racang) P Farrelt 7-10-0	. Day Lomats (3)	=
P5-P2P	CAPTAIN STOCKFORD 5 IP Wegmann) P Wagmann 9-18-0 .	W Merdon	

#### 1995: SOPHISM 6-11-7 J Exams (11-2) M Pipe 9 ran

#### FORM FOCUS

TAPAGEUR, pulled up an leaf him starts, previously completed fine-timer with 251 detent of Starts. Capite in 5-rouner nowae classe at listonize (2m. good to lism). Cal. BiTOWER beat Castle Court 71 in 9-rouner nowee handings hurde at Newbury. (2m. 51, good). FEBMINX 2294, 3 of a 8 to The Lancar in frantizacy chapse at Newton Abbot (2m. 11b), heavy). OCTOBER BRINY deband 551 of 8 to Dubullet in novice chain here (2m. 3t, lism). CASTLECORRER

15) 3rd of 14 to Oragonnest in seiting burdle at Chapsilow (2rm 4) 1107, solit) AUTHANN about 7 ift of 5 to (site Tincture in nowice bandhoop hundle at Wernester (2rm, good to lum). JEWEL TREE 81 8th of 12 to Porphynes in handlede chace at Wernester (2rm, good) self-H. FREZ distant 6th of 14 to Seymousselff in nover hundle at Mandon.

## 1.50 TRIPLEPRINT NOVICES CHASE

1 10008-1 LIVELY KNRSHT 20 (B) IA Wellen J Satoret 7-11-6 PH (a) (B) PP (ASALEY NOUSE 14 (B) Harmond B Melman 7-11-0 D Salier (5) — 5-5434 FLEPANCE 219 (C) FRANCE 6-11-0 W Marson 4 20100-4 (200°S CROSS 31 (S) (B) Harmond A J Mileson 7-11-0 A Magnetin — 8601-22 PHAR FROM RUMBY 15 (BF.F) (Mrs. E. Haysocki B Baiding 5-11-0 A P McCoy — 10000-5 PURBECK CAVALER 30 (S) (B) Cantal J R Aber 7-11-0 — 65
3 5/5/34 FLIFPANCE 219 (C flyters) N Sessite 6-11-0
4 20100-4 KRINO'S CROSS 31 (5) (N Himey) A J Wilson 7-11-0 . A Magain — 8801-22 PMAR FROM RANN' 15 (87) (Mrs. E Mysch 8 Baiding 5-11-0 A P Miscay — 10000-5 PURBECK CAVALER 30 (5) (8 Canta) R Aper 7-11-0 . — 65
5 8601-22 PHAR FROM RAWLY 15 (BF.F) (Mrs E Haycock) 8 Baiding 5-11-0 A P McCoy — 6 10000-5 PURBECK CAVALER 30 (3) (8 Curtus) R Arrer 7-11-0
6 19000-5 PURBECK CAVALER 30 (S) (8 Cartis) R Amer 7-11-0
6 10000-5 PURBECK CAVALER 30 (3) (8 Cartis) R Almer 7-11-0
7 621201- ROBINS PRIDE 268 (GLS) (R Weeks) C Pophero 6-11-0 _ T Descombs (3) —
8 404155- SOURCE SELK 251 (F.S.S.) (R Option) A Tornell 7-11-0 R Denombody
9 . 241F1-3 WILD WEST WIND 20 (BF.6.5) (Lord Visite) Miss if Rmoh 6-11-0 J Osborne 75
10 0/11256- 000NDA 250 (F) (Mr. J Powsii) N Twiston-Davies 6-10-9 G Liewellyn -
SETTING: 4-6 South Silk: 11-4 Leady Moterial 10-1 Plan From From From 2-12-1 Perback Counter Grants 14-1 Kinn's

CHAIR, WHAT WANT THAT I SERVE 1995: PIMBERLEY PLACE 7-11-0 C Liewellyn (3-1) N Tweston-Davis 9 zm

## FORM FOCUS

LINELY MORENT bus Minus Duam VII in 10-months process charge of the humanism with WILL WEST word in the business on 12-8 of Com. 41 (b), proci) robot's CINCES 58\*61 on at 8 to Basel Or last in topoce charge of words (2m pool to brin) PHAR PROM FLAMIN 2 2nd of 4 to Morenton in tendings handle at Minesanton (2m, pool) ROBINS PROCE.

2.20 BONUSPRINT HANDICAP CHASE

(£4,192: 2m 71 11Dyd) (11 runners)

## THUNDERER

12.40 Warner For Players, 1.10 Monks Jav. 1.40 Harry, 2.10 FEEL THE POWER (resp), 2.40 Revent Roost, 3.10 Express Travel, 3.40 Sunday Venture. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.40 RAVEN'S ROOST.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (GOOD IN PLACES) TOTE JACKPOT MEETING 7AM INSPECTION -

## 12.40 WIDEMARSH NOVICES HURDLE (£2,542, 2m 3l 110yd) (16 runners)

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	100	000-	ACHILL PRINCE 321 N Ayene 5-10-12 W McFerland			
	103		ALTHREY GALE F Lloyd 5-10-12 3 Veyner -			
	104	342-	BALLESWIFFDOEN 283 8 Small 4-10-12			
	105	11	BOOTS MADDEN 23 (G) Miss V Wilhams 6-10-12 N Williams at			
	105	405	REPORTWOOD MELODY 13 P Dates 5-10-12., J Supple 73			
	107	GALL-				
	108	0-0	MR MOTRIATOR 23 T Kestaly 5-10-12 D Leady -			
	109	800				
	110	04	MLMSQN 9 R Dictin 7-10-12			
	111	- 4	OLD CAVALER 41 J.J O'Neil 5-10-12 M. A. Fitzgerald =			
	112	496	SUPREME FLYER 214 K Railey 6-10-12 C O'Dwyer -			
	113	100	THE BREWER 15 J Tork 4-10-12			
	114	31.5	WARRER FOR PLAYERS 23 (S) P Hobbs 5-10-12 . B Found -			
	115	700	FECH 9 (B) P Morphy 5-10-7			
	116	145	MADAM MIJCK 202 N Twitten-Divine 5-10-7 T Jepks -			
5-2 Books Markten, 4-1 Supreme Figer, 9-2 Warner For Players, 7-1 Madem Mark,						
	8-1 Batterschulden, Mediard, 10-1 Old Camber, 12-1 others.					

1.10 SIDNEY PHILLIPS FOR PUBS HANDICAP CHASE

(2.3.007. 211 67) (7) 201 1/4- OVER THE POLE 380 (0.0) P Charmage 9-12-0 hr C Burnar (3) 5-2 Marries Lay, 3-1 Lassatz, 7-2 Fichia, 8-1 Winneyd, 8-1 Sinter Rosan, 10-1 Dank The Finiz, 14-7 Star (7 Indy)

1.40 PERCOED SELLING HUMDLE (£2,108: 2m 1f)-(14) 

2-1 Harry 4-1 Lrim: Shool Bloom 5-1 Audien Grace, 7-1 Provid beings, 3-1 Saffer A-Paine, 10-1 Convenient, 12-1 others. 2.10 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier 53,243: 2m 3f) (14)

☐ There is a 7am precautionary inspection at Hereford today because of the threat of frost 4-5 Feet The Present 7-2 Manners Mouter, 7-1 Zellocas, 8-1 Apple John, 10-1 July Book, High Handed 14-1 others.

RACELINE 101 201 MKT RASEN 102 FULL RESULTS SERVICE 168

## Nicholson's graduate shines

XAVIER ALZPURU, who was . jockey. Tony McCoy, to land a boro in England of Spanish parents, became the latest student of the David Nicholat Windsor yesterday.
Airpuru, 21; showed how

gamble on Severn Gale. Aizpuru was in front virtually throughout and, when son academy to graduate McCoy loomed large on Sca-when riding his first winner sonal Splendour, he determinedly drove out Severn Gale for a 1'a-length victory in much he had learned from his the Paley Street Mares' tutor by beating the champion Handicap Hurdle.

## MARKET RASEN THUNDERER

12.30 Glerwally, 1.00 Str Clerks, 1.90 Alzuku, 2.00 ky House, 2.30 Centaur Express, 3.00 Mister Drum, 3.90 Poppy's Dream.

GOING; GOOD TO SOFT

12.30 DOB KEIT SELLING HANDICAP HARDLE (£1,947: 2m 3f 110yd) (12 runners) 1 DAD CHETAN TANKY ME & C Code 7.11.48 D.J. Kenn

	2	4-35	HIGHLAND PARK 21 (F) R Crags 10-11-9 G Carel
	.3	-142	GLENVALLY 41 (6) 9 Money 5-11-8 E Callegium
	- 4	245	PAPASH WALK SE (EV) & Dissery S-11-6 B Gratino (3)
	5	386-	WEATHER ALERT 188 (C.G) K Mangar 5-11-2 . M Mendon (S)
	- 6	58-0	TROY'S DREAM 21 M Harrings 5-19-1 IT Berns (5)
	7	1495	JUST FOR A REASON 22 (S) R Judgs 4-11-0 E Hesband
			IN A MONERT 9 (5) C Grant 5-11-0 F Lucky
		0224	HALICHTON LAD 25 J Paries 7-10-13 P Michig
	10.	33	STREPHON 748 J Labo 6-10-9
	-11	-860	THARSES 10 (CO.F.E.) W Smith 11-10-0
	12		TOUGH CHARACTER 695 M Samusby 8-10-9 D Parker
3	3 (%	-	4-1 Fightand Park G-1 Parels Walls in A Manual. 7-1 Tray's Domm.
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я	J-1 W		Alert, Handdon Lad, 14-1 others

1.00 CONSTANT SECURITY JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (E2,758: 2m 11 110yd) (17)

1.30 CALDERPRINT NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£3,115; 2m ti 110yd) (10) 

4 Atomic, 7-4 Good Wiles, 6-1 Feedes, 8-1 Good Williams, 10-1 offers\*

## **2.00** ALEXANDRA MOTORS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,413: 3m 4i 110yd) (12)

(2.3,41-3: 3011 40 1 10 yea) (1.42)
1 14-0 HOWCLEUCH 25 (F.E.S) & Glore 9-11-7
2 39-1 WODDLANDS BOY 18 (F.S) & Corne 8-11-4
3 -93-1 HYY HOUSE 24 (B.S.) J J O'Neat 8-11-3
5 121-5 SCRABD VERV 24 (B.F.E.S) P SECURIOR 10-10-13
5 121-5 SCRABD VERV 24 (B.F.E.S) P SECURIOR 10-10-13
5 32-4 PERMITE FROM EST (E.S.) M Harmond 9-10-11
7 -323 CESTE SELVER 22 (BF.F.S) Mrs. S Smith 9-10-11
8 35-4 SPARPOW HALL 29 (F.E.S.) PROPRIED 10-10
9 24 (GEFTINS BALZ 22 (BF.F.S) Mrs. PS ye 10-3
10 13-1 SPROWSTON BOY 42 (F.E.S.) M CRUPTION 13-10-8
W Mrs.

11 -555 COCI, WEATHER 23 (8) P Cheebrough 5-10-0 AS South 12 1250 APRANCE A GAME 10 (7) Mes J Bows 9-10-0. 8 Taylor (5) ?-2 by House, 5-1 Woodlands Boy, Holy Sting, ?-? Sparror Hall, 8-1 Caluc Silver. Panage Pade 10-1 Griffys, Bar 12-1 others.

2.30 CLUBSTON HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,945: 2m 11 110yd) (7)

1 208- NEW RW 25: (7) 5 Cullings 5-12-0 ... (6 Studio (5) 2 12-1 CENTALIR COPPESS 35 (D.6.5) A Student 4-11-12 ... T Cley 3 31-4 COLORFUL, AMBRITURY 7 (D.7.) Wes A Survivant 6-11-5 J RAID 4 Ut-5 WHATCHI (ECONGE 15 (CD.F.6) Mes: L Siddail 7-10-5 R Supplin 5-0 ARTHLEWA 22 (7) 6 Hestand 6-110-0 ... (R Rossaler (7) 6-40.3 SIGNES DELIBRIT 13 (F.6) D Bearson 6-10-0 ... ... M Bearry 7 Ut-7 COPPESS DELIBRIT 13 (F.6) D Bearson 6-10-0 ... ... M Bearry 7 Ut-7 COPPESS DELIBRIT 13 (F.6) Mrs. V Aconsey 5-10-0 ... P Mick Lugation 6-4 Centeur Express 3-1 Colorful Ambition 11-2 New Ion, 6-1 Shire: Dalight. 10-1 Innocest George, 14-1 Meritary, 16-1 Fred's Delight

3.00 UK HYGHENE NOVICES CHASE (£3,300: 2m 1f 110yd) (9)

300: 2m 11 110yd) (9)

-1RU GOLDEN HELLO 9' (8F.F.O.S) Y Ensistby S-11-5

-121 MESTER DRUM 10 (F.C.S) M Williamson 7-11-5

R Sopple
3 25 DOLD BOSS 6 (8F.G.S) G Moore 7-10-12

- 8 Storey
4 28PR CARROWL SHOWLER 13 J Mark 7-10-12

- 8 Somb
5 3F FAR ALLY 9 M Soversby 6-10-12

- 8 Somb
6 -04F FERMINEN'S (RECTIMER 9 [6] bits S Small 6-10-12

R Williamson (7)

R Goest
4 Dishell 5-10-12

- R Goest 7 4-9F JACK DIVILE 13 (BF.Cq) J J () Neil 5-10-12 R Guest 8 21-4 THURSDAY MIGHT 30 (S) J Friggrand 5-10-12 A Dobber 9 2-42 UK HYDERE 9 (F) M farranged 6-10-12 R Guestly 9-4 Gottee Hell 5-2 Meder Drum, 4-1 Jack Dayle, 9-2 Bold Boss, 6-1 Trursday Might, 10-1 Fair Filly Uk Hygene. 25-1 offices.

3,30 christmas is coming intermediate CLAIMING NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,217; 2m 11 110yd) (9)

5 PHAR BIOLIGH 41 J Forgonic 4-11-9 ... F Leeby (3 do AR BRIDGE 20 R Wedner 4-11-5 ... D J Karamayh S 1 POPPY'S DEAM 20 (6) J Warran 6-11-2 dir R Thornson S 6-0 GAME DREW 20 D L Mongan 4-10-11 E Cataghar 9 PUSH DW POLLY J Partes 6-10-10 ... P Mongay (3 to 12 SPRE) BRIDGE 17 (VS.) D Gardathe 4-10-6 Symbol Michael S 17 THE LADY CAPTANI D Rom 4-10-4 ... K SOUR (3 DOM'T TELL MARKE 7 Cart 6-10-2 ... J J Comardon C 9 MIONISA 20 W Smith 6-10-0 ... S Taylox (5 5-4 Pagger's Corent. 5-1 Spring Mischin. 6-1 The Linky Coptain. 7-1 Plant Econopit. 8-1 Dong Tell Marie: Gander Done: 10-1 Air Bridge. 14-1 others

## RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Windsor Grange good

Lasto growth of the Laston of 1.00 (2m hole) 1. SEVERN GALE (X Agpunt, 7-11; 2. Seasonial Spierchur (A.P. Nacco, 9-2); 3. Pedelluchernestal (S. Turney, 14-1) ALSO Ribbi 15-8 (Canh. Nigdangue, Henristia Howard (4th), 12 Celly Sport Gri (6th), 100 Cosmic Star (6th), 7 nan 12; 12; 12; 13; 17:1. J. Alten 7 obs 11; 21; 22; 50, 52:40. DF: 521:40. CSF CSS 84 DF. C21 90. This 154 Rs. CSF. 123.55.
2.00 (2m hole) 1, PHOTON (A P McCoy, 7-1): 2, Desert Green pt Wilsomson, 15-6 ton), 3, Bertisethip Bruce (D Sindymater, 7-2). ALSO RANK 7. Otsame Feature (bith), 20 for Dr. Saga, 33 Housse Thisst, 50 Beaydon Forest, 66 Cellonesse (pulled upl. lakey Str., Mester Georgerouph, Saminole, Wind, Zadon (419; 14 nin; 5), 16, 8, 4, 4, 6; Akersant et Epsom. Tote, 12-20; 21-40, 17-30, 17-40, DF: 28-00, Yao; 28-70. CSF: 130, T-1-60, DF: 28-00, Yao; 28-70. CSF: 219-21.

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2.30 (2m chi 1, ZEREDAR (C O Daver, 4-5) tan; 2, Deer Do (M A Fizzerald 9-4) 3. Who's To Say (N Welenson, 9-2) ALSO RAN 10 Ring Crade guilled up) 4 ran (N. 12. K Batey at Upper Lambourn. Tole 21.90, DF: 21.50, CSF: 23.08 3.00 (2m 5 ch) 1, ACT OF PARLAMENT 51.60. OF: £1.50. CSF: £3.08
3.00 (2m 5 ct ) 1. ACT OF PARLAMENT Air R Waldey. 100-301. 2. Rex To The Ressue (bit R Thairman, 6-1): 3. Cookee (bit J Tazagri, 4-1). At 50 RAN 11-4 law (bit J Tazagri, 4-1). At 50 RAN 11-4 law (bit Means (60)). 10-3 blory Parto field. 25 Call his Early (pulled up). 33 Wrappers Deight (50) 7 tan 2, 60. 7, 19. k Bestry or Upper Lambourn Toler £3.20. £2.00. £1.60 DF. \$9.00. CSF: £21.48

S900. CSF: E21 48
3.30 (2m 4) Index 1, LETS BE FRANK (M A Fragerati, 5-2 ian), 2. Racheaf's Owen (M A Richards, 12-1), 3. Relative Chande (N Williamson, 7-2), ALSO RAN-7-2 August Tarelbi (will), 5. Donders-Stoaderner 4. Cambo, 16 Delita's Best, Ourstan (Sity, 30 Super Richard, 25 Price Match, E0 Potensar's Pode (Sity), Pyritte, Dance, Wallams, 13 ian, 25-1, 111, 35-1, 29, N Chance at Lambourt Tote: E6-0, 51-40, 51-40, 51-30, DF-522-60 Ian 531-30 CSF: DEIST, Transet, CTUT 78
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☐ The meeting at Leicester yesterday was abandoned because of thick fog. The stewards tried repeatedly to save the card, putting back racing by an hour, but visibility of only 50 yards made the decision to abandon inevitable.

# Porto can end United's dream of European glory

anchester United will be feeling pretty pleased with themselves after they qualified from the group stages of the European Cup on Wednesday. However, although I don't want to be the one to spoil the party. I think they are going to have a difficult time getting any further than the last eight.

I took the FC Porto team they will play in the quarterfinals to two Portuguese championships when I was in charge there. This season, if anything, they have an even stronger side and, over the two games, I think there is a very good chance they will put United out. In fact, after Juventus, who stand out by a

competition.

The club president, Pinto de Costa, is desperate to win three domestic titles in a row, something the club has never done before, and he has brought in new players players I recommended before I left to take over at Barcelona — to help them to

The nucleus of the team I was in charge of is still there. but they have brought in the Brazilian, Jardel, in attack. In the air, in particular, he is a stunning player. Alongside him, they have got two more Brazilians - Artur, who is very quick and likes going past people, and Edmilson. who is an extremely dever

Their central defender Jorge Costa, has been in the news recently because he was head-butted by George Weah after Porto's game against AC Milan. He is a good fellow to have in your team and particularly good in the air. He does not shirk anything.

Of course, they lost Emerson to Middlesbrough at the end of last season and I took their goalkeeper. Vitor Baia. with me to Barcelona, but they seem to have spent well and are having another good season. Nobody gave them a chance in the European Cup, but they have got five victories and one draw out of six

were laughing yesterday when

with an immediate leap of 12p

on United shares, taking them

to 585p. That financial power

may have to be spent between

bly raise the price at any door

buy a centre forward, if not in the image of Lofthouse, then of

someone in the mould of

Porto visit Old Trafford.

supporting him."





than a game when they meet next year. I know the team, I all cylinders when they get ons, in my first year there and back to Portugal. we beat them 5-0 to get to the

It will be especially difficult for United in Oporto because they have determination and ambition and the crowd will : be phenomenal and very noisy — even though the city is particularly pro-British.

More than that, their players seem to relish big matches. When they go to Old Trafford, they will defend, they will absorb pressure and, above all else, they will not crack. Sometimes, you find yourselves with players who o not stand up as well as they should on big occasions and the night gets to them; in Porto's case, that will not

took them to Werder

we beat them 50 to get to the semi-finals of the European Cup. That told me something about the resolve of that team. Going to Manchester United will be great for those boys.

I knew it would be difficult for United against Juventus that was obvious to anyone but I was surprised about the Fenerbabge result at Old Trafford, when United lost i-0: I thought they should have done better. Also, they have to learn that they cannot approach away games in Europe like they would a trip

They will love it.

their away games in the group matches, but they are continental teams at playing matches away from home That is where they might lose - just bought a new house. out to Porto, who will change their system when they come to Manchester. They will almost certainly leave out one of the front three players and put

in an entra-covering midfield player or a defender instead. Liverpool: were masters at winning European matches over two legs, but for all the English teams now, it is a learning experience all over again and they are still be

I want to make it clear, too. that, as far as I am concerned, Ronaldo will not be in the United team for those two matches: I know he has been linked with them, but he is not

and popular here and he has United want Miguel Angel

Nadal, but they will not pay £4 million for him so how could they pay £20 million for Ronaldo? I doubt they could match his contract here, anyway, and, if they did, they would have a time bomb on their hands, because players such as Cantona and Giggs would be saying: What about

As for Emerson coming to Barcelona from Middles-brough, I know nothing about it. People keep asking me if I know where he is, but I have never spoken to him. As far as I know, he could be in

Tottenham

complete

**Iversen** BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

ON WEDNESDAY night, Steffen Iversen helped Ros-

enborg win 2-1 against AC

Milan in the magnificent San

Siro stadium, in Italy. It gave

transfer of

# Edwards applauds his stylish composition

IN THE stadium where, 44 years ago, Nat Lofthouse's extreme bravery earned him the Lion of Vienna eulogy, the cubs of Manchester United made Wednesday their night. Beating Rapid Vienna, with two goals of subtlety and class from Ryan Giggs and Eric Cantona, they became the first English team to reach the last eight of Europe's premier club competition since the ill-fated year of 1985, the year of Heysel.

It takes something to progress these days, some-thing wrapped in millions and millions of pounds. But, since the European Cup is the competition on which credibility is judged, since what we are looking at now is the Champions of Commerce League, it was fitting that Martin Edwards, the chairman and paymaster of Manchester United, should have been the one to sum it up

They have shown what they can become," Edwards The belief comes from results like this. I saw signs that, when the United team have to do it, when the pressures are on, they can

Edwards had sat like the rest, as cold as the stone statue of Franz Schubert, whose lyrical compositions remain the essence of high-minded Austrian elegance. There was elegance, too, about United.

After much profligacy, and some considerable nervous-ness, they flowed through the green ranks of a Rapid Vienna side that had avoided defeat to cannot afford a relapse into any European comer. Juventus included, for their past 15 European home ties. Apart from the goals there was, on the half-hour, the sweetest of expressions from United. The

ball moved with the imagination of Keane, Irwin, Cantona, Gary Neville and Beckham half the United side - with passing that bewitched the home players. It was born of the kind of confidence that after the past few troubled weeks one would not have expected from this United

Perhaps, just perhaps, the pendulum is swinging. En-gland's supremecy, largely through Liverpool, is a relic of with help from our imported

pre-Heysel times. But now, that Alex Ferguson chooses to knock on. But will United now

Ferguson: ready to buy?

the restriction on foreign players, the English are back

among the nations that count.

In the three European compe-

titions, Spain has four clubs in

the quarter-finals, France, Ita-

arrogance, but it seems that English clubs are regaining admiration across the Conti-

nent. Certainly Manchester

United, a commercial force

outgrowing even AC Milan,

DISCE IS HERREY GIVEN the

ly and England have three.

Fabrizio Ravanelli He is allegedly not availformer captain, Bryan Rob-son, the Middlesbrough manager, that he will not procure Ravanelli from the Riverside. Yet Ravanelli is just the kind of powerful finisher who could convert the chances that United squandered in Vienna, and from a European perspective he is not cup-tied. For reaching the quarter-

finals from the Champions' League, for winning three games at £500,000 with a share-out of television and appearance money. United have already banked close to E3 million in Europe this season, plus gate receipts approaching £1 million a match. They will probably double that money in March and, who knows, now that the competition becomes a knockout affair, the pavements may be paved with gold towards a

final in Munich on May 28th. Dreaming makes such pleasant music. "The Dream

of Happiness" is an exhibition running in Vienna: it could also be the sensation that the United players, remarkably after losing concentration and self-belief in November, are beginning to savour.

now and March 5, when FC Their young faces, peering Even Edwards conceded: out of the team bus as it left the "We don't budget for cup success and anything we get from that is a bonus. There is a Ernst Happel Stadium on Wednesday to choruses of appreciation, contrasted vividto the stoning, the harangutransfer window now, it is up to the manager now, but if he ing with beer cans, bricks and wants to strengthen the squad other objects that ushered we are more than capable of Milan out of the tournament after defeat at the San Siro. That capability will inevita-

What folly Silvio Berlusconi, so recently the Italian prime minister and so hasty in football matters, had perpetrated? Last Sunday, so close to the judgment day, he changed managers, losing faith in Oscar Tabarez after abandon his post as the Italy coach. Sacchi came in just as Milan went out and the £6 million contemplation of Milan versus Juventus was down

Paolo Maldini, the emperor of defenders who has lost the fine clock of his form throughout this year, could face the most astonishing turnaround in personal fortunes. His father. Cesare, will coach Italy against England at Wembley on February 12th; Machiavelli could not have devised a plot more intricate than father having to drop son from what could be his one and only

night in charge. The wheel of fortune rattles along. Manchester United are in there with Borussia Dortmund, Auxerre, Ajax, Atlético Madrid, Porto, Rosenborg and, still the champions, still the likely victors, Juventus. Another enemy for the house

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Cantona, right, is embraced by Keane and Irwin, left, after scoring the second soal

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released on bail on Wednesday and the probability is that Mauge will serve 90 minutes in the Plymouth Argyle midfield in the FA Cup second-round derby at home to Exeter City tonight.

Mange was held on charges

of kidnapping, making threats to kill, possessing a sheath knife and a firearms offence. However, he was freed on condition that he stays out of Plymouth, except to play football and train, and that he lives in the Comwall home of Neil Warmock, the

Argyle manager. Whether Mauge will play before Sky's live television cameras, in the most cagerly awaited West Country derby for more than a decade, will depend on two main factors, Warnock said Mauge's mental state and the physical condition of two injured play-ers. However, Warnock club is in crisis.

"If I could get away without playing him. I probably would, with what he has been through," Warnock said, "I have got him living with me so I can tell what kind of mind

he is in. I have got one or two doubts and I will not boneatly

know until the afternoon." Warnock felt duty-bound to back Mauge. While we cannot talk about the charges, it was up to me to put my full support behind him." he said. The Mauge affair is the latest in a series of anxieties the club has suffered this season, inchiding Warnock falling out ping near the relegation zone and the manager saying the

Exeter, meanwhile, have risen from near the foot of the third division and are unheaten in six matches. Peter Fox, the manager, is relishing the prospect of his club's first FA Cup victory over Plymouth. Each of the three previous encounters have ended 2-0 to Plymouth. "All the pressure is on them." Fox said yesterday. They need to win. They have got to get through because

they are the big club." A crowd of 12,000 is likely and, for Exeter especially, the money is crucial. After two years in administration, the club is only beginning to recover from what Fox described as "an asset stripping task to head off complete

Exeter expect to make £80,000 to £100,000 out of the tic. "We were budgeting for very little money out of the FA Cup and all of a sudden we have had a little windfall." Fox said. "We were seven minutes away from going to the wall, so for us now to be with his chairman, Dan looking at this is McCanley, Plymouth drop-tremendous."

#### the Norwegian champions a surprise quarter-final berth in the European Cup. Yesterday, no more than ten hours later, he arrived in England to complete his move to Tottenham Hotspur, a club in apparent crisis in the FA Carling

Premiership.

The stark contrast was not goals in 17 matches for Norway Under-21s. The deal had already been done before Rosenborg's unexpected victory, however, and there was no going back.
Even the loss of a Caribbean

holiday he had planned, to Norwegian season, was accepted with a philosophical shrug. I had signed for Tottenham, no matter what happened in Italy," Iversen, a 6ft Zin striker, said, "I had a good impression of the club when I visited it recently and I hope I have made the right

"I have had a long season at home; it started in April, and that's why I asked if I could have a vacation. I understand that it is not possible and I will just have to get on with it."

Iversen, 20, is likely to make his debut against Coventry City at Highfield Road on Saturday, replacing Chris Armstrong alongside Teddy Sheringham in the attack. Armstrong sustained a thigh injury in the 2-0 home defeat by Liverpool on Monday.

His absence temporarily relieves Gerry Francis, the Tottenham manager, of having to decide how to accommodate all three in his usual 4-1-2 formation. When Armstrong is fit. Sheringham will probably be given a more deep-lying

"I've spent a great deal of time and effort in getting Steffen here," Francis said. "Rosenborg had a lot of interest from other clubs but we did our homework and got to know him and his family while everyone else was sleeping."-

five-year contract, joins Tot-tenham in a £2.5 million deal. Francis also revealed yesterreed a five-year extension to his existing contract, ending speculation that the England

"I'm glad to have sorted it out at last," Walker said.





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Iversen, who has signed a

goalkeeper was unsettled at White Hart Lane.

"Steffen joining us should give everyone a big lift, too."

# Capital gains count against Lee

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MANCHESTER City shareholders yesterday voted to expand their share capital to allow Stephen Boler, a millionaire businessman, a 25 per cent stake in the company. The move signals, effectively, a loss of controlling interest in the club for Francis Lee, who will remain as chairman for the immediate future.

Boler will become the biggest single shareholder in the club when he takes up the rights issue in January. He will pay £5 million for approximately six million shares, as will John Wardle, of JD Sports, raising a total of EIO million, which will be made available for transfers. As the sequence of events

unravelled at the club's annual meeting, the long-term future of the club was gradually mapped out. Boler, while declining a place on the board. will be represented by Ashley Lewis, and will dictate the direction of the public limited company. He is hoping to take City back into the FA Carling Premiership and then float the company.

One of his first moves will be to address the problem of the club's management. Yesterday, in a statement to shareholders, he vowed to strengthen the leadership, and that will lead to an immediate search for a new manager. Phil Neal is in charge at present, but is unlikely to remain so.

Lewis, speaking at the meeting, said Boler, one of Britain's richest men. will play a significant role in the running of the club. "There will be changes," he said. "We will move forward with stronger management within the next few months. Stephen will be involved in decision making through regular meetings with the chairman, and will also help support the financial

BY PETER BALL

IT SOUNDS like a novel

about flying by Captain W. E.

Johns — Emerson Fails to

Return. Certainly, the saga of

Middlesbrough's missing

lfielder is rapidly become

ing long enough to fill a book.

with the Brazilian adding

another chapter yesterday

when he failed again to board

a plane back to England from



Boler promises that he will be quick to exert a significant influence at Maine Road. Photograph: News Team

Lee, who took control of City three years ago on a wave popular support, has been forced into something of a climbdown. Heralded as the man to bring back the good times to Maine Road, he has instead presided over one of the worst periods in the club's history. They have slumped to their lowest position in living memory, fourth from bottom of the Nationwide League first division, and their debts and liabilities now total in excess of

Rio, leaving his relationship with the club at an impasse.

ing to take the easy way out

and sell Emerson and Keith

Lamb, the chief executive, has

visited Barcelona and Parma

interested in signing the play-

er — to warn them off any

further attempts to offer him a

move away from Teesside. On

his return, Lamb reiterated

Middlesbrough are refus-

ited by a lack of capital, a situation that he claimed has now been resolved. "The cash investment will be made and we will get stuck in, give it a real go and see if we can make it work," Lee said. "If that is not good enough in 12 months' time, then I might have a look at my position. If we go down this season I won't have to, because I will have jumped off the stand."

Considering the parlous state of the club, Lee got off rather lightly at a meeting

Emerson keeps Middlesbrough waiting

Middlesbrough's readiness to

leave Emerson kicking his

heels on a Brazilian beach for

four years rather than let him

Emerson off," he said. "but

player can afford not to play

football for four years. There's

a hidden agenda, that's what

makes us angry, and we won't be blackmailed. His wife's

"We can afford to write

works. Still, the cynical City first division and the club has faithful had their moments, usually in the form of the weary irony in which the club's supporters are well versed. "I don't get much pleasure going to a football graceful appointment." match at the moment," Lee Boler is likely to ensure such said, as one line of defence.

"We haven't for years." a supporter replied. There was, however, a serious warning from Elliot Rashman, the manager of Simply Red, the pop group. "We need a reality check here,

alleged problems are at the root of this, but these clubs

have been orchestrating this

performance for the past

There was one glimmer of

hope of a resolution yesterday,

Portuguese journalist that he

would like to continue playing

"I like Middlesbrough as a

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for Middlesbrough, if his wife

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made ridiculous decisions over the past two years," he said. This is a poor board, and they have taken this club down. Alan Ball was a dis-

mistakes are not repeated. We have taken advice, and we believe City have the financial potential to put them among the top six football clubs. Stephen believes we can achieve that," Lewis said. All Manchester City supporters

town, and the people are friendly," he said. "I enjoy

being in England and think I

have adapted to the style of

drama. My wife is ill. She has

with. She doesn't like Middles-

brough as she feels it is too

stadium," Johnson said.

From the Controller of Television Sport, BBC

Sir, It was ironic that your

report (December 2) of alleged concerns in the racing indus-

try that race sponsors suffer

unfairly in comparison with

other sports shown on BBC

Further claims that BBC

the Racing Channel are not substantiated by viewing fig-

ures. Racing coverage on

Grandstand remains easily

the most watched, with audi-

times higher than on other

channels. The peak on Chan-

Wilson uses BBC broadcasts

as a platform for personal

opposition to Sunday racing.

This is untrue. Furthermore,

decisions about which meet-

ings are shown on Sundays

are taken by programme man-

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800,000.

But I am starting to live a

football quite well.

I walked fast I could reach the car in three minutes and be listening to Radio 5 Live on the road before the others even came out.

in my absence? Normally, no. But the lure of the Mi was too much. If he shot would send him a postcard

cold. And I find it hard to concentrate on football as my wife is unhappy at the thought of living in Middlesbrough." Peter Johnson, the Everton chairman, suggested yester-day that the club might leave Goodison Park for a new stadium. "We are one of the best clubs in the Premiership, they appear to multiply on the pitch. and we need a more modern

## When parting proves such sweet sorrow

here is a ritual that takes place at football minutes from the end. People start to stand up. tighten their scarves and self-consciously towards the exit, sometimes shepherding small children. as if this forms a respectable excuse for their pathetic lack of backbone.

We purists let them go, of course; disdaining them, we nevertheless stand up to let them squeeze past. We for-bear to mention that if they did this sort of thing at The Seagull, they would never know Konstantin shoots himself. But when they have finally gone (they sometimes linger at the top of steps, including in a last, wistful look) we cross our arms, renew our flagging interest in the game and pray hard for that great, late goal that will go down in footy history; the goal that those perfidious namby-pambles will hear from the car-park, making them feel sick.

I left a match early on Saturday, you see. And I was torn. But it was Sheffield Wednesday v West Ham United at Hillsborough, a goalless draw of the worst variety, in which a heavy ball ricocheted tiresomely back and forth between rival players — with three stupid transactions to every intelli-

gent one. As entertainment, it was as frustrating as hearing amnesiaes recount the plot of Pulp Fiction: or watching Laurel and Hardy get the piano up the steps. Only when I made my momentous decision to leave did I realise that I had just spent 85 minutes with my hands on my head, trying to pull myself up physically by the

So I figured thus: if

Could I live with myself if Konstantin pulled the trigger from Newport Pagnell.

God, it was boring. West Ham supporters jeered "what a load of rubbish" and nobody disagreed; in fact, most people nodded grimly. When teams play as badly as this — making no space, huddling together in knots a horrible thing happens:

LYNNE TRUSS



Kicking and Screaming

At one point in the second half, I could swear there were 40 of them down there. "It's too crowded," I said to nobody in particular, "Send half of them off, that would get things moving." The best bit was the music.

The cheerful Kop band relentlessly played their wallsof-Jericho stuff, with sackbut, trumpet and drum, but it is often like this: their warm, exotic beat made no difference to the leaden per formance on the pitch. In fact, the disparity between the support and the play became quite disturbing - it suggested a level of denial dangerous to the psyche.

Meanwhile, the door Wednesday supporter beside me just remarked with a curied "Making notes?" J smiled inanely, which presumably confirmed his suspicions. Only a girl would make notes at a match such as this one.

So, with five minutes left, I

'I was torn, but it was a goalless draw of the worst variety

sneaked out. And despite the guilt, it was the best moment of the afternoon. Outside in the dark. I joined a warm flood of early-leavers and found more space and movement than I had seen inside

Thile the steadfast parists continued to murmur the odd "oooh!" within, we nambypambies ran away from the stadium in all directions, as if Bruce Willis had just told us it was about to explode. Of course, the rest of the week it has been footy every night, which helped to heal the wound. "Can't go out, it's thought I would say. "Got to get home now, it's footy" there's another.

I have been phoning people to chuckle over McManaman's goal against Tottenham Hotspur on Monday, to admire Beckham's sterling work on Wednesday for Manchester United; or to wax indignant about the vicious fouling on Sunday between Chelsea and Leeds United. Why don't they just give them guns?" I say, wildly (I still haven't hit the right tone for

But this is, of course, the real pleasure of this job. Just as becoming freelance was a means of finding out what cats do all day, in learning about football I am finding out what men do with their entire lives. And it is fascinating. It turns out that there is a footy organ in the brain (and we have all got it) that starts very small but has potential to expand infinitely, bigger and bigger, usurping the entire consciousness at last and men have no control over it. Tragically, they lack the vital footy suppressor

am so glad I found out This footy organ is to blame for all sorts of things that alienate the nonfooty person. It thrives, for example, on the casual substitution of "Crazy Gang" for "Wimbledon" or "Loftus Road" for "QPR". Catching up with this lingo is not easy, you know, if your footy suppressor hormone has been doing its job since birth. Before September, Old Trafford and Stamford

Bridge were the only stadiums I knew by name. St James' Park was a place to feed ducks. The idea of Owls being beaten by Hammers would have conjured up an alarming picture in my

Now that my own footy organ has been jumpstarted, however, I am excperiencing first-hand the blank looks I formerly gave. and it is weird. In a travel agent's in Brighton on Tueswith two nice women about typhoid jabs, when my football pager buzzed thrillingly in my pocket. I drew it out. "Emerson has gone AWOL again!" I announced, delightedly. And they looked at me as if I had just spoken in dog language. I said: "Are you not interested in football, then?" And it was quite astonishing: they really, real-

# SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan

in the past two refreshers. I have been discussing the play of high cards to encourage and low cards to discourage. I mentioned that what is a high card sometimes only becomes clear on the next round of the suit. These "attinude" signals are used when your partner leads a suit, or when you are discarding.

Today I am discussing length-showing signals. These most usually occur when the declarer or dummy leads a suit. First, why is a lengthshowing signal necessary? It is to enable your partner to judge when to take his high cards. This is the classical example:

+Axx(x)

+KQJ10 N (E) ±92 - E (B) +982 (四) +9752 exx(x)

This is the spade suit in a Notrump contract and dummy has no side entry. When the declarer leads the suit, West wants to hold up the ace until the declarer is out of the suit, but he does not want to hold up too long. That is, if the declarer has two cards in the suit. West should take the second round, but, if he has three cards, West holds up to the third round. The solution is for East to show his length in the suit. He plays play highlow (called a "peter") with an even number of cards, and

low-high with an odd number. So, from holding (i), you play the nine, and from (ii), the two. In this case, West will be to tell immediately

whether you have an odd or an even number of cards, but, if East had, say, 52 (from which he plays the five) West would not be able to distinguish it from say 985 tfrom

which East also plays the five)

until the second round.

When you are petering from four cards, in general you should play the second highfour cards, in general est. However, when it is clear that your spot cards have no trick-taking relevance, you should play the highest. So here you play the nine from holding (iii). Notice that will get over the message of an even number more quickly.

In the next example, the length signal does not alter the play in the key suit, but may affect the subsequent play:

•K768 () ±1042 (ii) ± 10 4

Conditions as before: this is the spade suit in a No-trump contract, and dummy is entryless. When declarer leads the ten of spades, West must show his length, by playing the eight from (i) and the two from (ii). In either case, East should duck smoothly, intending to win next time. If declarer repeats the finesse, in case (i), East can see declarer has three spade tricks, and so may need to find some dramatic defence. In case (ii), East can see dummy is dead and can defend accordingly.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

# KEENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Tactical fiend

It is well known that computer orograms exhibit immense tactical rather than strategical strength. It is rare that a program overlooks any tactical solution. In the recent slaughter by Fritz4 against the Slovenia national team, one of the human players took the risk of playing the highly tactical Evans Gambit against the Silicon brain, but White was duly cut down by a perfect response from the imperturbable opponent.

White: Grosar Black: Fritz4 Bled, November 1996 **Evans Gambit** 

2 Nf3 3 Bc4 4 b4 5 c3 d6 Od7 7 Obs Na5 Na4 Bc5 Oc6 Be6 0-0-0 Ca6 dxe5 Ne7 Nt4 Bc4 Re8 Ne2+ Oxe2 Bxe2 Nxc3 Rd8 86 Bb1 24 Be3 25 Kh1 26 Oxa2

Rd1 Bxe4

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is

Winning Move

Diagram of final position A TANK MET 

Fritz's 8-2 victory against Slovenia, albeit in 30-minute chess, is a gigantic stride forward for the reputation of machines in their battle against human grandmasters.

Times book

The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in The Times. is available now from bookshops or from B. T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276) at £6.99 plus postage and packing.

Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

From Mr George Brink

Sir, Alix Ramsay (November 29) attacked the All England Women's Hockey Association (AEWHA) for its poor organisation of having league games on a Saturday and cup games on the following day. However, the players in-

Sports Letters may be sent by fax to 0171-782 5211. They should include a daytime telephone number.

Retuning of BBC's racing influenced by the competitive nature of other sporting events. However, top quality meetings like the Ascot Festival. Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp and the Irish Derby will again be on Grandstand's Sunday list in

Television was printed along-side a photograph of the two Yours faithfully leading horses in last Satur-day's Hennessy Cognac Gold JONATHAN MARTIN, Controller. Cup. Both horses, like all the Television Sport. others in the race, were promi-

Room 5106, nently displaying the spon-sor's name on their saddle cloths to a television audience Television Centre, Wood Lane, W12. From Miss Dorothy Millham of three million - as well as to

Sir, At last someone apart from me has realised that poor old "Auntie's" racing coverage racecourses are losing out compared to Channel 4 and needs tarting up. The ancient car that follows the races epitomises the image. All those tired reminiscences about "horses I have ridden" are an anachronism. Let's have some new blood and see ences usually two or three the horses before the off as well as the presentations.

I hope Sir Paul Fox, chairnel 4 last Saturday was man of the Racecourse Association, gets his meeting with Jonathan Martin, of the BBC, You also report an unattributed claim that Julian and tells him how sad the coverage is. Channel 4 has captured Cheltenham and must be in the wings waiting to pounce.

Yours faithfully, DOROTHY MILLHAM. 37 Gloucester Road, SW7.

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alistic expectations of our top Yours sincerely. GEORGE BRINK. 338 Rugby Road, Burbage, Hinckley,

competition.

## Rich should pull their weight From Mr Steve Thoms

**SPORTS LETTERS** 

Sir, Peter Ball's observations on the Coca-Cola Cup (November 29) made sad reading to me as a supporter of a non-leading (ie, non-rich) club, Wimbledon. Why should the competition lose credibility, as he states, because most of the big clubs are out? The lack of appeal to sponsors is his answer, but is the competition

purely for their benefit? Ipswich are mentioned as possible finalists — and by this kind of argument there was no credibility in their championship year of 1961-62 under Alf Ramsey. It would be more to the point if the big clubs fielded their first teams and gave 100 per cent effort. It would also be fairer to their supporters, who pay serious money for tickets.

Ball looks on a possible Ipswich v. Wimbledon final with some contempt. I say that the rich clubs do not have a divine right any competition. Yours sincerely,

STEVE THOMS. lo Chestnut Avenue West Wickham, Kent.

Rugby challenge

From Mr Bill Lowes Sir, I agree with Gerald Davies (November 29) that there

is a glut of high-quality rugby at present in the British Isles. Football has this all the time and yet it still manages fivefigure crowds. The challenge for rugby union is to make the game a viable alternative to association football for the spectators. For far too long rugby union has been a closed shop to those who have not

played the game. We must spread the word, both playing and social, to those who have had little or no contact with the sport

Davies should stop looking back at those insular days of the 1960s and 1970s, put his thinking cap on and find ways of attracting the outside public into the game without attracting the undesirables. Yours faithfully,

BILL LOWES. School House, Braithwaite, Doncaster.

## Outside agency

From Mr R. D. I. Simpson Sir, With reference to the windblown flagstick moving a ball at rest (Sports Letters, November 22, 29), I agree that neither the Rules of Golf nor the Decisions specifically deal with the matter, but I suggest

that the ball should be re-

placed without penalty. A flagstick at rest on the green is simply an obstruction (cf. Decision 1-2/3). When moved by the wind it therefore becomes an outside agency, like the tumbling tumbleweed of 18-1/6 and the plastic bag of

Yours faithfully, RONALD SIMPSON, 3 Sherwood Avenue, Ruislip, Middlesex.

## Generous Haynes

From Mr Dennie Mancini

Sir, Johnny Haynes was capped 56 times for England. 22 times as captain. He has given all his caps away, bar the first one from the game against Northern Ireland in Belfast when he played alongside Stanley Matthews.

Some of the caps have gone to friends but most of them to charity. Last Friday, at a fundraising evening at Ful-ham Football Club, a cap was auctioned and sold for £4.100. The generosity of this very

special man deserves to be recorded. Yours respectfully.

DENNIE MANČINI. 16 Rosedew Road, Hammersmith, W6







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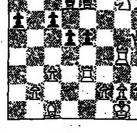
By Philip Howard

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## CRICKET: HOLLIOAKE'S TEAM GIVE THEIR SENIORS YET ANOTHER LESSON IN THE ART OF WINNING

## England A continue victorious progress

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

SYDNEY (England A won the toss): England A beat New South Wales by two wickets

AT LEAST one England cricket team has begun to think itself invincible. Rising obliviously above the travails of their seniors in Zimbabwe, the touring A team yesterday reversed the regular English tendency by winning a match it was far easier to lose. A stirring win it was, too.

Despite declining to 162 for seven in pursuit of 244 to beat New South Wales, Adam Hollicake's irrepressibles rallied to win with three balls to

A resounding cover-driven four from the uncomplicated bat of Ashley Giles kept the A team unbeaten since the opening match of their tour and drew raucous acciaim from the English majority in a meagre crowd.

The facile may say that New South Wales were without five of their Test players. The truth is that they usually are. It might also be said that Greg Matthews was a non-playing captain, as he chose neither to bat nor bowl. This, however, is but more evidence of the man's eccentricity, further ammunition for those already agitating to remove him from the captaincy. It does not detract from the character of

England's win. If the result surprised many, the fixture itself seemed to surprise the Sydney Cricket Ground, where stewards were hurrying around unlocking gates and doors 20 minutes before the start. The Test pitch was re-used and, watered and rolled, played better than on any of its previous five days, though the early start and the obvious moisture persuaded Hollioake to give the state side first innings.

Michael Slater had made

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maritorious ne'er were meritorious."

precisely the type of cavalier carve against a widish outswinger that cost him his Test place. Glen Chapple profited and, with Dean Headley overs straight through, Eng-

land took an early foothold. Corey Richards's half-century stabilised the innings but when he was third out at 99, only 20 overs remained and England would have fondly envisaged a target of no more than 170 but for being well aware of the powers of Shane

The young Yorkshiremen in this squad believe Lee's century for Somerset at Scarborough last summer to be one of the finest they have seen and he made another now, utterly without fuss.

The long boundaries meant there was a lot of running to be done and Kevin Roberts, Lee's partner in a stand of 117 in 17 overs, made 41 without a single four. Lee required only 97 balls for his century and marked it with an enormous six to mid-wicket before falling to Hollicake in the last over.

The England reply was always up with the required run-rate but wickets were lost too regularly. Michael Vaughan was spectacularly caught down the legside off a pull he was regarding as a certain four, the gifted but fidgety Owais Shah fell to an extravagantly misguided sweep and Anthony McGrath, looking in imperious form, wastefully mis-hit to long-on.

Gavin Robertson, the international off spinner, took a second wicket by slipping a quicker ball through Craig White and there now began a sequence of silly dismissals that all but sacrificed the Mark Ealham, turning

blind for a second, was run out and Warren Hegg, having only a single when he played missed with two frenetic- send for some.

THE RESIDENCE SHEET AND THE SECOND

(c) Ruthless domination of his wife by a husband. Can such things be? From the Latin maritus a husband + despotism. As unorious describes a husband who dotes embarrassingly on his

wife, maritorious is a rare word to describe the rarer condition of

(b) Somebody or something who disappears and then bobs up again. From dive and dapper (a variant of dipper). Specifically applied to the dabchick, a small freshwater diving bird. Or, by extension, a teenager between mealtimes, and when you need her/him to do something.

(b) Predicting the future by the use of arrows. From the Latin. The future of the then reigning British royal family was accurately predicted by this system at the Battle of Hastings.



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Giles clips the ball through the offside in the course of his unbeaten 39, which included the winning boundary

ertson, tried to cut him instead and was caught behind. Worst of all, Hollioake, who was batting so majestically he seemed to have the target personally in hand, was sent back too late by Giles and run out for 51.

Hollicake stomped off in high dudgeon but his team did not fail him, surfing home on Giles, who cuts a sturdy figure and gives the ball a propor-tionate caning, added 40 in eight overs with Chapple and an unbroken 42 in seven with Headley. It was cricket brim-ming with self-belief. Those in Zimbabwe must be terrored to

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P213, P430. BOWLING: Headley 10-3-25-0; Chappie 7-1-40-1; Estham 10-0-50-2; Such 9-0-38-1; Class 10-0-48-1; Hollouke 4-0-34-1. Ging 10-0-48-1; Hollowise 4-0-34-1.
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P.M. Such did not but.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-32, 2-74, 3-103, 4-121, 5-143, 6-155, 7-162, 8-244.

BOWLING Nistans 8-0-41-0. Thompson 10-0-464: McNamera 5-3-1-25-0; Baylon 6-2-29-0.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE I. Ne6! Bxe6; 2. Qxh7+! Kxh7; 3, Rh3+ and mates.

## Symonds forced to decide where his loyalties lie

"I think he wanted to get a

couple of years experience in England under his belt and

ANDREW SYMONDS has a court, actually." Philip August, the Gloucestershire chief Englishman who is ready and willing to play cricket for the country of his birth? Or is he executive, said. "He assured us on a number of occasions that he was English and that an Australian whose only he was going to play for England if selected, but I ambition is to wear the baggy think most people realised green cap? Symonds, who last year that it was going to come down to the first country that

declined an invitation to tour Pakistan with the England A team, has now been selected to play for Australia A in a day-night match against West Indies at Melbourne next

It should be a straightforward decision for a cricketer who once described himself as "a fair dinkum Aussie" but there is one major complication. Once he plays for Australia, he will no longer be allowed to play county cricket for Gloucestershire, with whom he signed a three-year

contract only last summer. Tony Brown, administrative secretary of the Test and County Cricket Board, confirmed yesterday that a player who has appeared for one country at any level above under-17 cannot play for another for four years. And Symonds's county contract is conditional on his being available for England. "Gloucestershire have always known that this could happen," he said. "The hall is in their

Not that Gloucestershire have given up hope of perstuding Symonds that he is still an Englishman. By a strange twist of fate, their captain, Courtney Walsh, will be leading West Indies against Australia A and August will be speaking to him as well as Symonds and the player's father, Ken, in the next few days. The county will not be held to ransom; however. There is no question of Symonds replacing Walsh as the one overseas player they

then he was going to take the first option. If he had been are allowed. "Andrew has got a very good deal and if he is going to selected for England this win-ter it might have been a different kettle of fish." turn his back on that to play for Australia A it is a brave and bold decision," August said. "It would be a shame from Gloucestershire's point of view and it would probably be a shame from Andrew's because with the depth of talent Australia have got one finds it difficult to see him going further. But I suppose in our heart of hearts we

> assurances we had been Symonds, 21, was born in Birmingham but taken to Australia by his adoptive parents when he was 18 months old. He was named Young Cricketer of the Year at the end of his first season with Gloucestershire in 1995.

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possibility in spite of the



## Sri Lanka attempt to

ALLAN LAMB, the former England batsman, is on the brink of a return to international cricket as coach to Sri Lanka

The 42-year-old former Northamptonshire captain. who retired from first-class cricket before the start of last season after a dispute over the publication of his autobiography, confirmed yesterday that he had been approached by the World Cup Winners to take over from Day Whatmore. who has joined Lancashire. "It's very flattering and we

negotiating," Lamb said. Brian Lara will be repri-

Lara, angry that Isn Healy, the Australia wicketkeeper, claimed a cutch when the ball appeared to hit the ground, confronted Geoff Marsh, the Australia coach, and said Healy would never again be welcome in a West Indies dressing-mom. Clive Lloyd, the West Indies manager, formally apologised for Lara's remarks and said the batsman would be disciplined house. Lara, himself. expressed no remorse.

# Looking back \* in anger

Gavin Exiet, the BBC's cline! North American correspondent, employs an attention-grabbing device to launch his series about the crumbling of the American Dream. In a country doctor's home, he finds himself looking down the barrel of a 9mm semi-automatic pistol. Dr Jim is not, however, about to bump him off. "I have it for protection," he emploises it is his form of life insurance in the state of Arkansas, where gang violence is so bad that hospital casualty units are raised higherisk zones. Despite this, Dr Jim has decided to give up private practice to work in that self-same hospital. He says he can no longer shart the campoing load of bureancracy or cope with the complemite of the American health insurance system.

Only if someone twisted my arm or bribed me with a first edition of A Only if someone twisted my arm or bribed me with a first edition of A Christmas Earel would I call this new panel game ground-breaking, but the fessive season is last appoaching, and it would be churlish to deny that the first edition of Wowlabgroov; is a chearful, maky and disputations affect that makes few demands on players or listeners. The questions are all keyed to the popular music, entertainers and personalities in the news during the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s. The panellists are Wesley Richard, Bernard Cribbins, Toyah Willcox and Jeffrey Holland. Johnnie Walker is the besieged master of ceremonies.

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10.15 On This Day (LW)
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Jean Rodgers, soprano. Ligeti
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Handel. Christopher Kite,
harpsichord, the BRC
Symphony Orchestra.
conductor Andrew Davis
perform Eiger (Overture in D adaptations, reflections and homages, including from Merals is Tombeau pour M de Luily and Purcell's King Arthur.

1.90pm News: Bristol tusschitms. Concerts. Music by Joseph Haydn and others performed by London Winds. Haydn.

(Octat in F); Jonethen Dove (Figures in the Garden);

Mozart (Serenade in C minor, 1538)

perform Eiger. (Overture in D minor after Handel); Handet (Suffe in G minor for keyboard) 10.00 Hear and Now, From the Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival, Spotmausen's Mantra from 1971 and a retrospective of the work of Morton Feldmen. Omer Ibrahim, bass and Ensemble

Recherche perform terms from his serty and middle years, including the British pramiers of Tire-Offers Songe and Why Patterns? a work inspired by Feldman's interest in Assan rugs 12.00 Composers of the Week American Symptionists (r) 1.00am Through the Night

## Pearson ends his week exploring the work of 5,55em Shipping (LW) 6,00 News Briefing 6.10 Ferming Today 6,25 Prailer for the Day 6,30 Today 8,58 Weeting 9,00 Heres 9,05 Desert Island lure Lamb Disca: Bruce Forsyth (f) 9.45 United States of Anger. See

are now in the process of

manded by the West Indies team management over an outburst in the Australia dressing-room after he was controversially dismissed in the second Test.

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7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Pick of the Week. Chis Serie presents his selection of extracts from BBC radio and ratevision over the past seven

days
8.05 Any Questions? From York.
With Dr Germeine Green
Frank Dobson, MP, Shedow
Secretary of State for the
Environment and London;

Any Medicards to M. Ann Widdecombe, MP,
Minister of State at the Home
Office; and Six John Benham,
chairmen of Kinglisher, With
Jonathan Dimbleby
8.50 Law in Action, with Marcel

Berlins, Lucy Ash reports from Russis on reactions to the susser on reactions to the bentative experiment there in trial by jury.

9.15 Letter from America, by Allstair Cooke.

9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature: Our Father, From The Tari Congressionality by The Life.

Commandments to The Life of Brian from the Mystery Plays to Jesus Chris Supersiar there has never been a shortage of thestrical roles representing the Deity (r) 9.59 Weather

1.40 The Archers (f) 1.55
Shipping
2.00 News; Classic Seriet: My
Brilliant Career, by Miles
Frankin. (2/2) (f)
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News; 4.05 Kaleidoscope.
Tim Marlow interviews
Howard Hodgkin as he opens
a major new retrospective on
the South Bank in London
4.45 Short Story; Call Me
Amella, by Gien Jayson.
Read by Sunny Omnonde
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast
5.55 Weether
8.00 Shr O'Clock News
8.30 Going Places, with David
Station (f) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tenight, with
Poolin Listing
10.46 Book at Bedtime: Scary
Movies. Writen and read by
Supher Arridon (f)
11.00 Week Ending. The topical
comedy skalch show. With
Sally Grace, Sally Phillips,
Jeffrey Holland and Dave
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Lumb 11.25 Fourth Column. A quizzical

11.25 Fourth Commun. A common look at life 11.45 Today in Parliament 12.00 Naves incl 12.27 set weather 12.30 The Late Book: Carol 1.00 As World service

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## Ruddles County Riddles. No. 13. Pub Challenge.

For Peter Bernsworthy it of the doors, lay the prize,

won the 1996 Hartfordshire Pab Quiz Championship after

six graelling rounds. But his victory was by

ne means final. He had yet to claim the prize.

He was placed in the

bar of the Queen's Head Pub in Westpott. There were

two doors, each leading to different rooms. Behied one

was a dream come true. He had a voucher for anlimited access to the love of his life-

Ruddles County. The challenge was set.

He did not know behind which door (they were

marked I and 2) lay which

prize. Beside each door stood a barman to help him busy to tall us how he

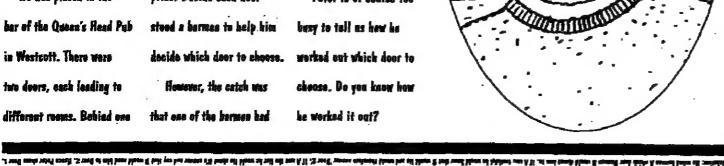
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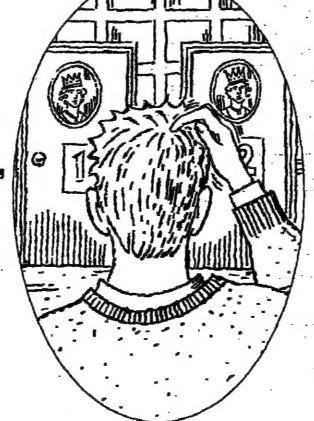
been instructed to lie, but Peter did not know which.

Peter stepped forward, esked one of the men a question, and upon hearing his answer confidently

strade through door 1 to claim his vonehor. Peter is of course too

decide which door to choose. Worked out which door to cheese. Do you know how





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# Hillsborough: look back in anger and sorrow

ery occasionally there oc-curs on television an event As if that is not enough, there is a porters had been packed into too which defies the cold judg-. ment of the head, bypasses the intellectual analysis of the mind and goes straight for the heart. Such an event came along last night in the form of Hillsborough a drama-documentary about the events of April 15, 1989, when 95 people died at the Sheffield Wednesday football ground. Hillsborough is the work of Jimmy McGovern, author of Cracker. McGovern is a Liverpudlian and he has made a crusade of finding the truth of that awful day and getting it on to the screen. The result is biased in the best sense, in that it takes the side of the fans, who have been too long ignored.

It is also selective. Even in two

further reason for welcoming Hillsborough: it is the nearest the victims and their families are likely to get to true justice.

McGovern's script is based on coroner's court transcripts and the testimony of people who were involved. It is harrowing (and it is clearly meant to be) but McGovern consistently avoids shock tactics: there are few scenes of mayhem, no scenes of bloody carnage. But there is anger and sorrow in vast quantities. There is a spartan quality to the piece which only adds to its effectiveness.

Actors play all the parts, except where news footage is used of the actual incident. The facts are that Liverpool had begun an FA Cup semi-final against Nottingham Forest but the game was soon abandoned. A far greater drama was being played out at the Leppings Lane end of the ground, .. little space.

t may be that Hillsborough is biased, but that does not make it inaccurate. The untruths told by the police have been well documented. The outrageous stories planted in certain newspapers by police officers have long since been exposed. The police said that Liverpool fans had "smashed down a gate" when in fact the police themselves had ordered the opening of the gate. The police said the Liverpool supporters were drunk. Lord Justice Taylor found that "drunkenness was not a major factor" and that there had been "a failure of police control".

There was also, as McGovern demonstrates, a failure of cultural comprehension. When fans began to climb the fences behind the pitch to get out of the crush, this was assumed to be a pitch invasion: REVIEW



Peter Barnard

Long after it was annarent that this was a disaster, ambulances were still being kept outside the ground. When one paramedic asked to be let in, a police officer told him: No, they're still fighting in there."
Nobody had been fighting.
McGovern graphically demon-

strates that the police on duty were obsessed with the image of certain football fans, somewhat understandable given the hooligan exreality on the day. Trevor Hicks, one of the central characters, who is played by Christopher Eccleston, was at the game with his two teenage daughters. Sarah and Vicki. Both the girls died. Within minutes, a police officer asked Hicks: "How much did you have to

The man in charge of the police operation at Hillsborough was Chief Superintendent David Duckenfield. Lord Justice Taylor said of him that he "failed to take effective control" and caused "grave offence" by spreading an untruthful allegation that fans had smashed down a gate.

I am not normally enamoured of drama-documentary, but with as-siduous research wedded to a tremendous passion. McGovern has produced a piece of work which will serve as a testament for the Hillsborough families. It is the least compensation they deserve

By comparison with Hillsborough, last night's Dispatches (Channel 4) almost qualified as light relief. But here was a scandal of a different order, concerning the vexed question of how much taxpayers' money is being spent on slaughtering cows, mad and potentially so. Too much, according to the programme, a view which even people in the slaughtering business seemed to confirm.

hen the scheme started, slaughterhouses were paid £87.50 per head of cattle. Quite how the figure was arrived at is not clear. But abattoirs all over the country were willing to do the job for as little as £30 a head, indeed some offered to do it for nothing and make their money out of selling the hides at

> The Ministry of Agriculture seems to have been so anxious to

cesses of the 1980s, rather than the and, likely, the most they will get get on with the job that it agreed to pay a premium rate. Only one organisation representing slaughterhouses, the Federation of Fresh Meat Wholesalers, was on the ad hoc committee out in charge of the cull and federation members were given 80 per cent of the work.

Paul Tyler, the Liberal Democrat agriculture spokesman, told the programme "I cannot think of any sectional interest, particularly one that is going to benefit so directly from taxpayers' money, that was in such a powerful position to take control of public policy."

And Dr Richard North, a food safety adviser, said: "The ultimate irony is that a scheme which was not recommended by the Government's own scientists, was not wanted by Europe, is not understood by consumers, is not wanted by farmers, is going to do irreparable damage to the meat industry and farming, and will cost the taxpayers a fortune."

#### BEGIE 6.00am BUSINESS BREAKFAST (25506) 7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS (T) (56877) 9.00 BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA (I) (1122254)

hours, no one could possibly tell

the whole story. But above all Hillsborough is a magnificent

drama, acutely written, well-re-searched and directed with taut

9.20 STYLE CHALLENGE (4005273) 9.45 KILROY (6831322) 10.30 CAN'T COOK, WON'T COOK (25322) 11.00 NEWS (T) REGIONAL NEWS and

weather (3531506) 11.05 THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW

11.45 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE (9731970) 12.00 NEWS (T) REGIONAL NEWS and weather (9274803)

12.05pm ALIAS SMITH AND JONES (f) (8425070) 12.55 THE WEATHER SHOW (35089341) 1.00 NEWS (T) and weather (59964) 1.30 REGIONAL NEWS (90274790) 1.40 NEIGHBOURS (1) (29982506)

2.00 CALL MY BLUFF (6167) 2.30 PETER SEABROOK'S GARDENING

3.00 INCOGNITO (8902) 3.30 ANTS IN YOUR PANTS (5146254) 3.50

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Dear Mr Barker (4063047) 4.05 The Family Ness (2262480) 4.10 The Reat Adventures of Jonny Quest (1070728) 4.35 Grange Hill (7859341) 5.00 Newstround (1) (5417902) 5.10 Blue Pater (7) (8728700)

5.35 NEIGHBOURS (r) (T) (865070) 6.00 NEWS (T) and weather (457) 6.30 REGIONAL NEWS (709)

7.00 THIS IS YOUR LIFE Presented by Michael Aspel (4493) 7.30 TOP OF THE POPS (1) (893) 8.00 ONLY FOOLS AND HORSES: The

Class of 62 Del is invited to a reunion at his old school. With David Jeson and Nicholas Lynchurst (r) (1) (182877) 8.50 MORE ANTIQUES ROADSHOW

GEMS: Automate Hugh Scully presents a selection of Roadshow finds from the archives, including the popular rabbit-ina-cabbage (T) (239167)

9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS (T) REGIONAL NEWS and weather (6148)

9.30 HETTY WAINTHROPP INVESTIGATES: Lost Chords When finalists for the Golden Voice start croaking, Hetty investigates. With Patncia Routledge (368877)

10,20 FILM: Mother's Boys (1993) with Jamle Lee Curtis, Peter Gallagher and Joanne Whalley-Kilmer. A mother who deserted her husband and three children three years before decides she wants them all back, Directed by Yves Simoneau (5994490) WALES: 10.20 Iris Williams — Song Book 10.50 FILM: Mother's Boys 12.20am FILM: Deceptions 2.20 News head lines; weather

11.55 FILM: Deceptions (1990) with Harry Hamlin and Nicollette Sheridan. Beautiful Adrienne Erickson shoots deed a burglar, only to find it is her wealthy husband Surfy hornicule detective Nick Gentry and his cynical pertner investigata. Directed by Ruben Preuss (169419) 1.35am WEATHER (8565858)

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 Coam OPEN UNIVERSITY: Humanity and the Scaffold (7904438) 6.25 Classical Sculpture and the Enlightenment (7916273) 6.50 Citizens of the World (8220235) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (2249322) 7.30 Yakiy Duck (5177505) 7.50 Smart (5171322) 8.15 Charle Chaik (7291815) 8.35 The Record (6214728) 9.00 The Worried Well (1139544)

9.15 ASSIGNMENT EARTH (5623341) 10.00 PLAYDAYS (2675273) 10.25 THE CHAMPIONS (8419148) 11.15 Trie Phil Severs Show (1171916) 11.40 Flash

Gordon's Trip to Mars (6486803) 12.00 Ken Hom's Hot Wok (47544) 12.30pm WORKING LUNCH (75815) 1.00 Chartle Chalk (99998070) 1.15 The Hollywood Collection (9954877) 2.05

Pride of Dress (70570780) 2.15 SPORT ON FRIDAY Helen Rolleson introduces highlights of the final round from the LPGA golf tour championships

from Las Veges (564167) 3.55 NEWS (1) regional news and weather (6171612) 4.00 Today's the Day (322) 4.30 Ready, Steedy, Cook (506) 5.00 Esther (8761) 5.30 Going, Going, Gone (186) 6.00 The Munsters (b/w). (r). (834761)

6.25 UFO: The Square Triangle A woman discovers she has murdered an allen (T) 7.15 ELECTRIC CIRCUS Entertainment news

(402506)7.30 TOP GEAR MOTORSPORT Tiff Needell reports on the first race at China's new Zhuhai track and the Mester Rally

reaches Mongolia. Damon Hill and Tommi Mekinen reflect on their success in Formula One and the World Pally Chempionships (1) (235) 8.00 GLUCK, GLUCK, GLUCK Malcolm Gluck debunks some wine industry myths. Tonight he compares the different

(I) (7273) 8,30 STEFAN BUCZACKI'S GARDENING BRITAIN The gardens of Mount Stewart



Vic Reeves, Bob Mortimer (9.00pm)

SHOOTING STARS Comedy qub. Tonight's guests include singer Donna Air, comedians Monwenna Banks and Griff Rhys Jones and actor Stephen Tompkinson (7490) 9.30 RED DWARF VI The Dwarlers nee

replacement engine parts (r) (T) (55051) 10.00 HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU The guests are Neil Morrissey, Martin Clunes and Claire Rayner (48273) 10.30 NEWSNIGHT (T) (946099)

11.15 THE- A FORCE Black entertainment hosted by Felix Dexter (428167) 1.15 FILM: Walpurgis Night (b/w, 1935) with Directed by Gustaf Edgren (8727674)

#### CHOICE

#### Shooting Stars BBC2, 9.00pm

The spoof game show takes a sensational new turn as Mark Lamarr, resident team captain and keeper of the straightest of straight faces, laughs. Not once but several times. Shooting Stars has lost one of its most durable running gags. But addicts should not despair. Ulrika Jonsson still giggles at the mercet proposestion, the guest forgiots. the merest provocation, the guests floright they are Stephen Tompkinson, Donna Air, Morwenna Banks and Griff Rhys Jones continue to be gently humiliated and Matt Lucas's bizarre baby-adult keeps the scores. And Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer remain gloriously anarchic, or shrill and unfunny, depending on whether you subscribe to the cult. For cult it is, which means a committed following but a minority one. Reeves, who models himself on Eric Morecambe, must pine for his idol's viewing figures.

#### ITV, 9.00pm

There are so many loose ends at the finish of this final episode that a second series may be on the stocks. Whether it is deserved is another matter, and if there has been much another matter, and if there has been much to enjoy in this sexual merry-go-round among student nurses, this may not have been in the way the makers of the series intended. The big moment tonight is at the nurses' barbecue party when Sister Felicity (Lynne Verrall) announces to Dr Sunil (Ayub Khan Dan) that she is not wearing any knickers. Sadly for her the intended seduction missires, for in keeping with the general drift of the show his eyes are already wandering elsewhere. Meanwhile, mad Michaela (Susannah Wise) is threatening more dark deeds in the intensive care unit, more dark deeds in the intensive care unit, which at least drums up a bit of suspense and makes a change from trying to remember who was last having an affair

Lost Chords BBC1, 9,30nm

The Blainthorp Musical Festival has been running for half a century but this year somebody is trying to ruin it. One by one contestants for the Golden V competition, which carries a £500 prize and the chance of a career in television commercials, are pulling out because they have mysteriously lost their voices. It could be a virus but this is a detective series and unmask. Those who see a touch of Agatha Christie in the Wainthropp stories will relish the generous array of suspects, each with a convincing motive, and the Poirot-like method by which the puzzle is solved. The difference is that in Agatha Christie people get murdered, sometimes several in the same story. The cases of the Lancashire OAP are a

#### The Adam and Joe Show Channel 4, 12.10am

Anybody still watching television at such an unsocial hour will be rewarded with this oddball comedy show in which Joe Cornish and Adam Buxton sound off from a bedsit in Brixton. Their targets are drawn from popular culture, with regular swipes at films, records, magazines and food. A soft toy version of Trainspotting, complete with the foul language, is a good indication of what to expect, and there is more bad taste in a look at great moments from air crash movies. Further justification for hiding the show away in the small hours comes in a sketch about visiting a urinal. But Cornish and Buxton do have a gentler, wittier streak, and are capable of being funny as well as provocative. Peter Waymark provocative.

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9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (2652322) 10.00 THE TIME ... THE PLACE (37254) 10.30 THIS MORNING (60991761) 12-20pm REGIONAL NEWS (2874867) 12.30 NEWS (T) and weather (9987186) 12.55 MURDER, SHE WROTE (1) (9726235)

2.00 Home and Away (1) (24917380) 2.25 Crosswits (1) (17262457) 2.55 Yan Can Cook — The Best of China (7485506)

3 20 NEWS (7385896) 3.25 REGIONAL NEWS (7384167)

3.30 JAYS WORLD (6602849) 3.40 Zzzap! Christmas Annuals (6707493) 3.55 Oscar and Friends (6175438) 4.00 Snug and Cozi (8584631) 4.15 Hurricanes (1064167) 4.40 Fun House (1030341) 5.10 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (7541709)

5.40 NEWS and weather (T) (381693) 6.00 HOME AND AWAY (r) (T) (861815) 6.25 HTV NEWS (T) (741790) 7,00 CATCHPHRASE presented by Roy Walker (5051)

7.30 CORONATION STREET WILL MIKE Baldwin's discovery place Tricla's job in jeopardy? (T) (761)



Simon Rouse as Meadows (8.00pm)

8.00 THE BILL When Sun Hill teams up with Customs and Excise to crack a fencing operation, Meadows is concerned that they will end up paying the bill but not catching the vitizins (T) (1099) 8.30 FAITH IN THE FUTURE: Young and

admirer at college, which becomes the 9.00 STAYING ALIVE Kelly is making decisions about life while Mick is thinking about death. Last in

the series (T) (2815) 10.00 NEWS (T) and weather (42099)

10,30 REGIONAL NEWS (154631) 10.40 FILM: With Hostile Intent (1993) Drama

based on the true case of two Californian policewomen who fought against the injustice and corruption of their maledominated profession Starring Melissa Gilbert, Mel Harris and Peter Onorati Directed by Paul Schneider (T) 12,35am ED'S NIGHT PARTY (8441674)

1.00 FUNNY BUSINESS (83026) 1.30 THE GOOD SEX GUIDE ... LATE

2.35 BUSHELL ON THE BOX (r) (2799277) 3.05 WAR AND REMEMBRANCE (r)

4.50 RECOLLECTIONS (56446484) 5.00 INTERNATIONAL TOURING CARS: Italy — Mugello (r) (49194)

#### As HTV West except: 12.55pm HOME AND AWAY (9962877) 1,25 CROSS WITS (30513438) 1,55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (29996709)

5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (7541709) 6.25-7.00 CENTRAL NEWS (741790) 10.40 CENTRAL WEEKEND (2641506) 12.10am SLEDGE HAMMER (2592378) 12.40 COMEDY CENTRAL (4760378) 1.40 THE GOOD SEX GUIDE...LATE

(6558113) 2.45 CYBER.CAFE (4150216) 3.10 HELTER SKELTER (5220262) 4.00 JOBFINDER (5610620)

## WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12.56 CORONATION STREET (9962877) 1.25-1.55 CROSSWITS (30513438) 1.55 HOME AND AWAY (21512490) 2.25 HIGH ROAD (17262457) 2.55-3.20 GARDENERS' DIARY (7485506) 5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY (7541709) 6.00-7.00 WESTCOUNTRY LIVE (47032) 10.30 WESTCOUNTRY NEWS (145983) 10.45 Film: WITH HOSTILE INTENT (51988148)

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5.00 FREESCREEN (49194)

## ANGLIA

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10.40 SHORT SHARP SHOCKS (418341) 10,50 Film: ERIK THE VIKING (45572815)

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6.30am THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ

7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST (72815) 9.00 HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER (29148) 9,30 FILM: Bye Bye Birdle (1963). Musical cornedy starring Dick Van Dyke, directed by George Sidney (T) (74099)

11,30 LAWN AND ORDER Encounters report on gardens of America (r) (T) (63964) 12.30pm Lift Off (r) (60963) 1.00 Sesame Street (65438) 2.00 The Balloonatic (b/w) A Busier Keaton short (26717362)

2.25 FILM: Five Against the House (1955, bw). Heist drama starting Guy Madison and Brian Keith. Directed by Phil Karlson

4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE (T) (490) 4.38 COUNTDOWN: The Search for the Supreme Champion (T) (902)

5.00 TV DINNERS (r) (3457) 5.30 OVER THE GARDEN WALL Gardens in

the Lake District (r) (T) (254) 6.00 TFI FRIDAY With music from Texas, East 17 and the Long Pigs (78902)

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (T) (154273) 7.55 THE SLOT (464506)

8.00 LONELY PLANET Ian Wright journeys to Jordan, Lebanon and Syria (T) (2341)

8.30 BROOKSIDE The Close is rocked by a revelation. Jackie feels tom between husband Jimmy and Ron. Jack finally reveals his terrible secret (T) (8148)

9.00 CAROLINE IN THE CITY: Caroline and

the Gift Carolina womes about the cost and the implications of the Christmas present she is about to receive from Del. Richard receives his first commission to paint a woman in the nucle (1) (2186) 9.30 CHEERS Frasier proposes to Diane but

doesn't get the reaction he was hoping for (r) (T) (57419) 10.00 FRASIER Frasier tries to stop a

one of Niles's patients, a confirmed womaniser (T) (33341) 10.30 WHOSE LINE IS IT ANYWAY?

Improvised comedy (T) (284761) 11.05 TFI FRIDAY (r) (558148)



Budon and Cornish (12.10sm)

THE ADAM AND JOE presented by Adam Buston and Jos

12.40mm FiLM: Theatre of Death (1966) Chiller starring Christopher Lee, directed by Samuel Gallu (185705) 2.20 FILM: The Vengeance of Fu Manchu (1965) starring Christopher Lee as the Chinese fiend. Directed by Jeremy

Summers (540281) 4.00 FILM: Baby Face (1933, b/w) with Barbara Stanwyck as an amoral adverturess. Directed by Alfred Green (91991).

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() SKY 1 7.00mm Love Connection (4630051) 7.20 (4650815) 7.40 Jeo Press Your Luck (4650816) 7.Au Jeophalyn 18877235) 8.10 Hotel (5222032) 9.00 Angrier World (6901865) 9.45 Oprah Wintey (7572457) 10.40 Real TV (1495070) Virniey (7572-57) 10.40 Real IV (149501/0) 11.16 Sally Jessy Rephasi (8027070) 12.00 Geraldo (162116) 1.00pm 1 to 3 (76167) 3.00 Jerny Jones (15963) 4.00 Oprah Wirtony (8490) 5.00 Sari Trick The Ned Generation (5070) 6.00 Near Adventures of Superman (9878C) 7.00 Simpsons (3099) 7.30 M\*A\*S\*H (9525) 8.60 Kung-Fu (55099) 9.00 Walker, Texts Ranger (35235) 10.00 When Anthals Attack (38222) 11.00 New Acceptures of Superman (12457) 12.00 LAPD. (77804) 12.30am Real TV (50025) 1.00 Hz Mrx Long Pay (55484)

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Tour of Zimbabwe gets off to worst possible start as defeat signals early crisis of confidence

# England suffer greatest humiliation

FROM SIMON WILDE IN HARARE

HARARE (third day of four): Mashonaland beat England by seven wickets

IF ENGLISH cricket lasts for 1.000 years - and, on this evidence, there is a good chance it will not - men may still say of the national team's pitiful performance this week: This was their least fine hour." There is a portrait of Winston Churchill, who once turned a similar phrase, hanging in the pavilion at the Harare Sports Club, but fortunately it faces away from the cricket pitch where England yesterday went down to a seven-wicket defeat at the hands of mighty Mashona-land. Otherwise, it might have

fallen off the wall. If they are not to experience further humiliations at the hands of Zimbabwe in the Test matches, England may need an in-form Churchill to lift their spirits in the next ten days because Michael Atherton, the captain, and David Lloyd, the coach, are rapidly

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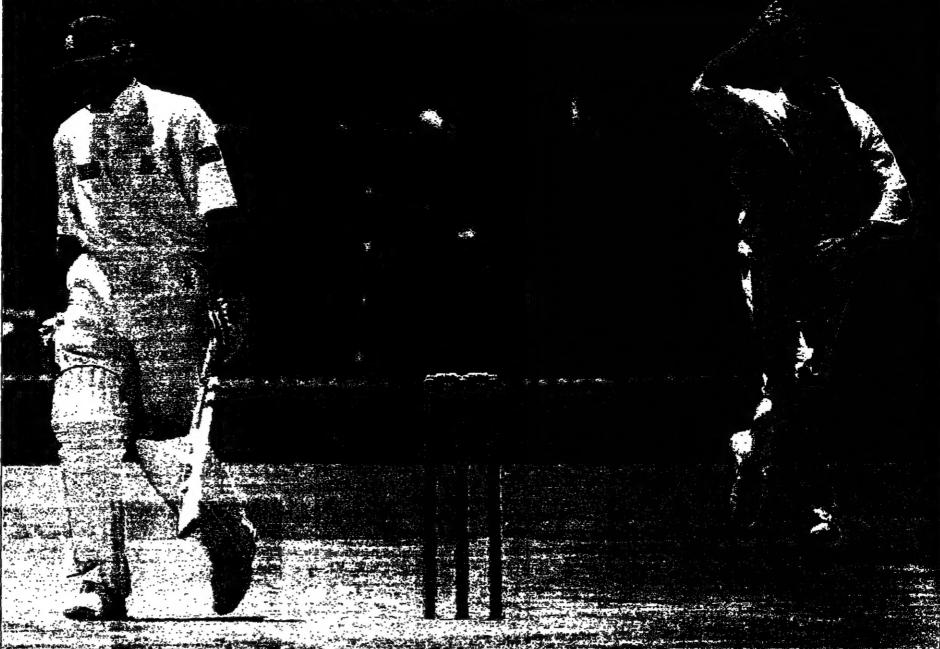
running out of words to express their bewilderment at how this tour - supposedly a chance for everyone to boost their averages — is going after one week. One of the few rays of hope is that the motivational videos prepared by Lloyd arrived yesterday. They could not have come at a better time.

Those who have watched England cricket teams playing abroad over the past ten years are not, of course, short of disaster stories, but it is hard to find a collaring from an unexpected source quite as comprehensive as this one. England have lost to the full Zimbabwe side and the Australian Cricket Academy, but that was in one-day matches. Perhaps the closest rival is the defeat in Grenada two years ago at the hands of a West Indies Board XI. days after England had been dismissed for 46 by West Indies in Trinidad.

That game finished in its alloted three days, but here England were unable to take Mashonaland into the fourth day set aside for the game. Last night, Mashonaland, quite rightly refusing to risk handing back the initiative, declined England's request to meet again today in a one-day match, instead, the touring team will practice at a local ground among themselves. England resumed play yes

terday with hopes of pulling themselves out of the trouble they had got into with their feeble batting performance on the first day. Tufnell duly claimed the last remaining wicket for the addition of one run — to give him his first five-wicket haul for an England side for two years -- to restrict the deficit to 83, but within minutes of embarking on their second innings England were all at sea. That the trouble began with what was probably a poor decision is no excuse, because nobody could reasonably claim that England had the worst of the variable umpiring in this

In the third over, bowled by the admirable Kirtley, Knight was adjudged caught behind off a ball that may or may not have found an inside edge and may or may not have carried to the wicketkeeper. Knight left the field with great rejuctance and not before umpire Kanjee was prompted to verify his decision with his square-leg colleague.



Atherton begins the walk back to the pavilion and Brent, the Zimbahwe bowler, celebrates as England stumble to defeat yesterday. Photograph: Stu Forster / ALLSPORT

the dismissal of Stewart three balls later. Leaden-footed to a fast delivery of full length, he could do no more than deflect the ball into his stumps and England were four for two. Atherton held out until the fifteenth over for his longest brief innings of the tour before being well held by David Campbell, the wicketkeeper,

high to his right.
The bowler was Gary Brent, a medium pacer who might struggle to get into an English county side, but whose figures

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layers and the visitors they

bwe cricket is small-time,

largely amateur, under-exposed and under-funded;

England possesses the largest

professional circuit in the

world and is a multi-million

pound business, arguably

with more money than it knows what to do with.

While several high-profile

members of the England team

- such as Atherton, Stewart

and Gough - annually earn well over £150,000 a year.

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ibled yesterday. Zimba

like a world beater. His second victim was Thorpe, who dabbed half-heartedly and was also caught at the wicket. England were floundering at 29 for four.

Hussain and Crawley then put together England's highest partnership of the match. 76. Both batted well, Crawley in particular looking detached from all the nonsense going on around him. After Thorpe had given Paul Strang his first wicket, sweeping but barely out of his ground, Crawley

Country cousins outplay

lower order that seemingly wanted to have a heave rather than do its job and hold up an

Before the day began. Strang was potentially En-gland's most dangerous opponent, but much of the damage had been done even before he came on. He intended not to unveil his googlie before the Test series, but the prospect of a famous upset led him to bring it out and it accounted for Gough, one of his four victims. Strang's influence on the outcome is probably suffihe might cause them in the

On a pitch offering pronounced turn, a target of 150 would have given England an outside chance, but that prospect disappeared on the stroke of tea, when Crawley drove uppishly at Brent and was caught at mid-off for 74. Six overs after the interval, Eng-land were all out for 180, leaving Mashonaland 98 to

Zimbabwe sides are notoriously bad at chasing runs, but and the former national selec-

Mullally quickly removed both openers, Flower to a stunning reflex catch by Crawley at short leg. Alistair Campbell and Houghton, careful at first of the threat posed by Tufnell and Croft, soon expanded into a flurry of boundaries and, just before the scheduled close, Campbell

☐ The England tour manager in Zimbabwe. John Bartlay,

hit the winning runs to wild

cheers from several hundred:

No such doubts surrounded yesterday - four for 22 from was left trying to marshall a cient for England to start to there was little likelihood of tor, Brian Bolus, have been final two members of a new oversee the England team and determine who selects it. Barclay, the former Sussex player, and Bolus, the only man on the six-man committee to have played Test cricket, join Bob Bennett, the chairman, David Actield, Lord MacLaurin and Tim Lamb. The group will meet for the first time in

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columns and advertising, not to mention being entitled to drive the ubiquitous spon-sored car, it costs many of the Mashonsland players money to take time off work and beat

England.
Five members of their team are amateurs, whose employ-ment comes from farming and tobseco, staples of the play for their province, they are paid the equivalent of £9

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Campbell, the Zimbabwe captain, made an unbeaten 53

per day and, hardly surpris-ingly, many have to turn down invitations to play. That is why James Kirdey, an English professional who is spending the winter coaching in Harare, was drafted into the Mashonaland team for this match at short notice. after Eddo Brandes decided he could not afford to be away from his chicken farm.

David Houghton, who scored a century in the first innings of the match, is the best paid cricketer in Zimbabwe because he not only plays for the national team but coaches it. He receives £2,500 a year for his coaching duties. In all, Zimbabwe possesses

just nine professional cricketers. Five of them played for Mashonaland yesterday and England should encounter the other four when the take on Matabeleland in Bulawayo next week. These are the only two provincial teams in the country and last week Mashonaland won their annual play-off for the national

There are some 350 serious adult cricketers in Zimbabwe and 30 clubs, most of them. based in Harare and Bulawayo, among them Harare Sports Club, which staged yesterday's match and pos-sesses a bowling machine only because Gloucestershire left one behind after a recent pre-season tour. Cricket is still predominant-

ly played here among whites, although Africans have recently taken up the game, but it is regarded by many as a diversion from other pastimes such as hunting and off-road driving. By far the most popular sport with the major-ity black population is football and attempts to qualify for the next World Cup.

## Atherton goes for check-up

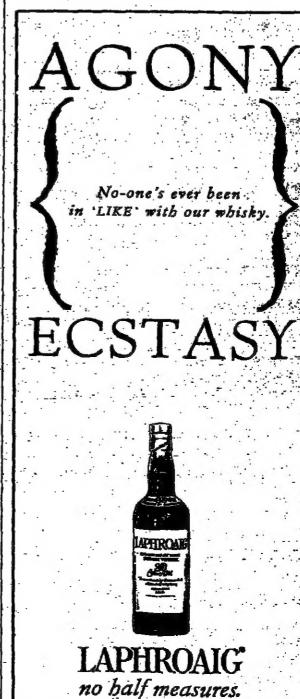
THERE was further worry for England yesterday when Michael Atherton, the England captain, went to hospital for a check-up on his long-standing back complaint. It did not reveal anything untoward, but he is to see an orthopaedic consultant and undergo an X-ray today as a turther precaution (Simon

Atherton has been in severe pain for several days and it appears to have affected his performances on the field, although he denied that yesterday. His three innings in Zimbabwe have occupied a total of just 42 balls and yielded only nine runs, and it seemed that he was in discomfort when he fielded on Wednesday.

But, after returning from hospital yesterday, he took the field for Mashonaland's secand mnings, later batted briefly in the nets and was anxious that his back trouble should not be used as an excuse for England's poor performance over the past three days. Before his back pain resur-

feced, Atherton was suffering from a viral infection and Wayne Morton, the England physiotherapist, believes that this illness may have prevented the daily medication he takes from working. Atherton is now over the illness and Morton hopes the painkillers will start to take effect again.

Atherton's problem is he-reditary and he has battled with it for many years. He missed a one-day game for England in Australia two years ago but has not missed a Test match since being reinstated to the national side early in 1993, six months before he was appointed



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